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Tomorrow

More people are playing chess and more watching it being played than ever before. In Saturday, a former British chess champion reports on the grand prix chess circuit and the build-up to the next world championships. Also in the eight-page arts and leisure section are features on Travel: The call of the wild in Alaska; Values: How to buy your boliday loggage; Drink: Alsace wines, and news and views of the forthcoming week's events

£200m for computer industry

The Government is to help the computer industry develop new. more intelligent computers, in a programme that will cost up to £200m over five years and is designed to prevent Britain falling behind Japan and the United States Back page

CND poll check

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is to appoint a full-time worker for the general election campaign who will draw up a register of all candidates' views on nuclear weapons

Stiffer sentence

General Alfonso Armada, who was sentenced to six year's imprisonment for his part in the unsuccessful Spanish coup in February, 1981, had his sentence increased to the maximum 30 years by the Spanish Supreme Court Page 8



Nicaragua anger President Reagan's four-point proposal for Central America was denounced in Managua, where the Sandista authorities called on the people to take part in armed street marches throughout the country Page 6

Harrods claim

Professor Roland Smith, chairman of the House of Fraser, claims that an independent pension fund report challenges Lonrho's argument that shareholders risk nothing by demerg-ing Harrods Page 17 ing Harrods

Gdansk arrest

Gdansk police detained Mrs Bozena Rybicka, Mr Lech Walesa's secretary, and searched her flat. Her husband said he was stopped when she left Mr Walesa's home ideology clash, page 9

Schoolboys die

Two boys aged 15 were found dead in a shed in Weston-super-Mare, Avon. The father of one said he had heard that police had taken away samples of a

Teachers' jobs

Seven thousand teachers' jobs could be lost in 1983-84 but colleges of further education expect to employ 1,000 new lecturers in the next 12 months

Leader page, 13 Letter: on Mgr Bruce Kent, from Mr E E Y. Hales, and others: TV licence fee, from Mr D. Elstein; British Telecom. from Mr P. B. Matthews, and Mrs M. A. Mills

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Thatcher urged to end speculation before local polling

There is a growing belief in Labour voters more liable to some quarters of the Conserva-tive Party that the Prime Minister has mishandled public general election and so nar-rowed rather than widened her.

The particular complaint. voiced both by some who want a June election and some who prefer October or later, is that expectation has been encouraged that an announcement of some kind is to be made in the next ten days or so, once the results of the English and Welsh district elections next Thursday have been assessed.

If that proves true, the party fears that Mrs Margaret Thatcher will have needlessly exposed herself to a charge of cowardice or opportunism or both, whatever decision she then makes. Several ministers, including

some who have her ear, now say that the Prime Minister can only avoid this trap by stating her intentions before the local election results have been

Backbench Conservatives on either side of the argument for and against a June election have expressed opinions on these lines to their whips in the course of this week.

Central to their argument is the view that the local elections cise carried out by Conservative Central Office is a daunting one, with votes being cast in 12,000 different wards. are unlikely to convey any clear message. The assessment exer-

Local government elections produce a far lower turn-out than general elections, with

Mr Justice Woolf ruled that

in some circumstances supply of A Guide to Self-Deliverance

would amount to a criminal

The ruling, which the judge said either side could appeal

against, opens the way for Sir Michael Havers OC the

Michael Havers QC, the Attorney General, to bring a

criminal prosecution over the booklet which has been linked

chairman of the society's

"Obviously we do not want to break the law in this matter. But

I do not think we would be

But Miss Barbara Smoker.

committee, said:

to at least 15 deaths.

to a ban.

which would effectively amount booklet.

abstain than Conservatives. An adjustment must be made to measure the true Conservative speculation over the date of the strength, but no one knows what that adjustment should be.

Other allowaces have to be made for the greater importance of a candidate's personal qual-ities in local elections and the greater number of real or notional independent candi-

In all, the most skilful analysis of next week's results is unlikely to tell the Prime Minister anything certain, and her decision whether to go to the country in June will have to be based on her wider political

everything to gain by making and announcing a decision in the next few days.

They expect her to base that decision on a cool calculation of when she would have the best chance of winning, but they want her also to have some chance of pretending more

Meanwhile the ranks of Conservatives who favour delay appear to have grown this week with the growing belief that real economic recovery may have

to look forward to the future with some optimism.

Welcoming the judge's ruling

that publication was not illegal in itself and that the booklet

provides a satisfactory treat-

But she added that it might

attempt to ban the booklet has

failed and the society now calls

upon the Government to

who are incurably ill or disabled

Although the society had raised £14,000 from its mem-

hers for a fighting fund, the

judge yesterday ordered the

Attorney General to bear both

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sides' costs in the case.

to take their own lives if they

wish", she said.

She cited the evidence of confidence in the most recent

Judge refuses ban

on suicide booklet

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Voluntary Euthanasia frightened of a criminal pros-

Society formerly known as ecution as such although we EXIT, intends to continue to would be frightened of a case supply its suicide booklet after a hand-picked by the police to

High Court judge yesterday show us up in a bad light, we act refused to grant the Attorney for the benefit of people and General a declaration that its cannot afford that sort of wrong

offence under the Suicide Act ment of the subject which

1961, which prohibits aiding would not be easy to improve abetting counselling or procurupon", Miss Smoker said that

ing a suicide. But he would not "in all probability" the society

make a blanket declaration would continue to supply the

It would be wrong, he said, broaden the undertaking that

for the civil court to usurp the recipients have to give, to the

task of a jury in a criminal court effect that they had no immediand declare what conduct was ate intention of taking their

criminal. Each case would have fives. "It would seem that we

to be decided on its facts. Far can supply the booklet to those

from precipitating a suicide, the we know have no present

booklet might in some cases intention to commit suicide.
deter someone from committing "The Attorney General's

survey by the Confederation of British Industry, and the "excellent" first quarter results from ICI, with profits up from £62m to £128m. Even steel pro-duction was recovering, Mrs Thatcher said, and things were moving ahead.

In the Commons Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that in recent weeks there had been a number of encouraging indicators pointing to modest economic recovery. They included evidence of higher manufacturing production and total output and a substantial improvement in business confidence, which was at its highest level since 1976.

judgment.

Difficult though that judsition Treasury spokesman, greent may be, Mrs Thatcher's accused Mr Brittan of smug satisfaction at the ruin which satisfaction at the ruin which the the satisfaction at the ruin which the his policies had wrought on British industry.

At Prime Minister's Question Time the preelection sparring wazed hot. The Opposition accused Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, of trying to smear leaders Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

The Prime Minister, in an argument about rates, declared that Labour-controlled lacal authorities were "very big spenders of other people's money".

Mr Michael Foot, stopped her short by asking how much rates had increased in true-Blue Surrey. They were much too high in Surrey, Mrs Thatcher

Hard left's campaign, page 2

ICI boosts

hopes on

economy

The stock market surged to

igh yesterday 25 the leaders of

the Prime Mnister forecast

astonished even the most

Mr John Harvey-Jones, ICI

January and March against just

£62m in the early part of 1982. But profit-taking damped down the cuphoria in late

dealings and at the close the

of further falls in the rate of

Taking its cue from the Prime

Minister and the recent strength

of sterling the Bank of England

unveiled a new £1 billion index-

linked gilt stock, which the City immediately dubbed "election

tap" because it has been

constructed in such a way as to

be altractive even if there were

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a change of government.

ower interest rates.

than doubled.

inflation,

Mr Robert Dillan, US Ambassador to Beirut, pointing out the Embassy bomb damage to

Syria blamed for deadlock as Shultz shuttle begins

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State held five-hour talks at the hilltop Presidential palace in eastern Beirut yesterday in a Middle East peace mission which is emerging as a high-level negotiating shuttle. United States officials revealed en route to Beiret from Jerusalem that Mr Shultz expects to have about 10 vithin a fraction of its record meetings over the next two weeks with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Britain's biggest industrial companies confirmed that the

economy is on the mend and negotiations closer to a success-At its peak in early afternoon help in the process of working the FT ordinary index was 3.6 points up at 702.6 after ICI out an agreement for the leaving of all foreign forces from Lebanon," Mr Shultz said optimisitic forecasters with on landing at the heavily profits for the first three months guarded Beirut airport. He of the year which had more intends to shuttle between the Israeli and Lebanese capitals chairman reported that the company made £128m between

Mr Shultz flew by helicopter to see the devastation at the American Embassy in West Beirut which was badly damaged by a powerful bomb explosion on April 18.

market had slipped back to 696.8, down 2.2 on the day. In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher said that real interest rates should decline in the wake

Minister. "I am here to bring these

until the basis of an agreement

A British Embassy official said that some American Embassy officials now are

working out of the British Embassy about 700 yards away, guarded by four armoured marine vehicles.

Mr Shultz then drove to the

presidential palace in the suburb of Baabda, southeast of Beirut, for his meeting with Mr Amin Gemayel, the Lebanese President and Mr Elie Salem. Foreign Minister. He was accompained by Mr Philip Habib, the special American envoy to the Middle East, and by Mr Morris Draper, the chief American negotiator at the troop withdrawal talks between Lebanon, Israel and the United

After the meeting Mr Shultz said: "This has been a very rewarding day.... And of course a moving day in visiting our employees at the American Embassy and seeing that sight, and rewarding in talking with President Gemayel and Foreign Minister Elie Salem and their colleagues."

He added: "We had a very

full review of all the issues here just as we did in Israel. I can see that there are quite a number of difficult issues. At least I think we can now have some sense of definition of

Earlier, Mr Salem told a

group of reporters that Lebament with Israel that could in any way harm its relations with the Arabs and specifically with

He also acknowledged that the future status of Major Saad Haddad, the renegade Lebanese Army commander whose militia in South Lebanon is backed by Israel, remained a sticking point in the nego-tiations. He said another stumbling block was the issue joint Lebanese-Israeli patrols in South Lebanon.

He said that Lebanon would in any joint committee estab-lished with Israel to oversee the terms of a withdrawal agreement, saying Israel does not want Americans on all of the proposed supervising bodies.

The negotiations have been dragging on for the past four months and any optimism expressed by either the Lebanese or Israeli side in the past few weeks has now been dampened by the tough stance adopted by the Syrian government. American officials said privately the Syrian position appears aimed at blocking an

Continued on back page, col 5 occasions."

Navy will stop relatives at sea

By Henry Stanhope

Diplomatic Correspondent Britain has warned Senor Osvaldo Destefanis, who is threatening to take a boatload of Argentines to visit soldiers' graves on the Falkland Islands. that they will not be allowed to

Senor Destefanis says the ship will sail tomorrow, although the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has withdrawn its support. But the Foreign Office, in its sternest declaration so far on the issue, said last night that there could be no question of the British Government granting access to the disputed

Officials would not elaborate but the clear inference is that Royal Navy ships patrolling a 150-mile exclusion zone around the Falklands would turn away the Argentine vessel.

The Foreign Office statement said that Whitehall was still Destefanis was persisting with his plans, despite the ICRC's view that these were "contrary to the prinicple of neutrality" which the Red Cross was called upon to defend.

The Government had insisted all along that it had no objection to a visit provided that it was organized by the ICRC as a purely humanitarian venture, but the arrangements made by Senor Destefants had the ICRC for reasons of principle". It was therefore unacceptable to the British Government

Whitehall still hopes that the relatives will not sail tomorrow as planned, because it would be extremely embarrassing if the Royal Navy had to be seen refusing passage to a party of mourners.

Senor Destefanis himself had promised that he would avoid any confrontation and would hold a service at sea outside the 150-mile limit if barred from ailing further.

But even this would be seen as unwelcome publicity for

Police raids 'breached the law'

The Home Secretary last night published a unique report from the Police Complaints Board, which drew attention to grave and exceptional circum stances surrounding the 1981 police raids in Railton Road. Brixton, south L. (Anthony Bevins writes).

The undated report, delivered to Mr Whitelaw last year, said that the board had been concerned with "breaches of the law" and "the implication that the unprofessional conduct of officers engaged on that operation could be a reflection of their conduct of less sensitive

Police consider kidnap charges

yesterday reported to be physi- obviously be mental scars". cally unharmed but exhausted after her release on Wednesday. second time this year London pm by a passerby, police have ended an alleged. Mr Gordon sai

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Mrs Shirley Goodwin, the at her home in Hackney, east cope with normal incidents of London woman, held for almost a week by elleged kidnappers the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said, still seeking a £50,000 ranson, was needs a lot of rest and there will need to have hardened to hardened hardened to have hardened to have hardened to have hardene Mrs Goodwin, aged 40, was

found wandering in the street in Last night Scotland Yard Mitcham, south London, still in taken from his cell at detectives were understood to the night dress and dressing be drawing up charges against gown in which she disappeared three men held in a police on Thursday evening last week. operation involving 120 officers She was helped into Mitcham and a news blackout. For the police station shortly after 11 Mr Gordon said Mrs Good-

kidnapping, freeing the victims win, the mother of three and making arrests without any children, was at first "in a dazed and mentally battered As Mrs Goodwin, freed late condition. She is now more Wednesday night, spent composed mentally but is land Yard said they were still most of yesterday resting in bed extremely tired and not able to searching for two men

passed to her husband John, who is in prison. Early yesterday morning Mr Goodwin was Wandsworth Prison and connected by telephone with his wife at Scotland Yard. The couple spoke for 15 minutes and Mr Goodwin was said to be relieved by his wife's release.

During the past week Mr Goodwin had been advising his family and the police in the handling of the kidnapping and negotiations. Yesterday Scot-

Nazi 'fake factory' denied

From Michael Binyon

East Germany refused yester-day to be drawn into the Hitler diaries controversy, and denied accusations that a Potsdam factory was turning out forged Nazi documents. The publication of the diaries in the West German magazine Stern has led to a fierce debate over their authenticity and to reports of an East German factory.

The Foreign Ministry in East Berlin said: "We have nothing to do with the Hitler diaries affair and their publication in Stern.

Several left-wing West German commentators have attacked the publication of the diaries on the ground that they will inevitably lead to a new Hitler myth.

The Greens party said irrespective of whether the diaries were genuine, their only aim was to whitewash Hitler. "It is our task to oppose this falsification of history with all our force." Frau Manon Maren-Grisebach, the chairman, said.

Frenchmen hanged in Zimbabwe

From Stephen Taylor Harare

Frenchmen. mercenaries in the Rhodesian forces, were hanged at dawn here yesterday for the murder of a cafe owner in 1981. The hangings went ahead in spite of appeals by the French Government for clemency and three recent meetings between French and Zimbabwean officials both here and in Paris. Gevais Boutanquoi, who was

34, and Simon Chemouil. aged 29, were the first whites to be executed since Zimbabwe's independence three years ago. Only two other men of about twenty senienced to death in that time have been hanged.

The remainder had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment by President Canaan Banana. Mr Robert Mugabe, the

Prime Minister, has frequently expressed opposition to capital punishment but in October last year two black men convicted of murder and robbery went to the gallows. Boutanquoi and Chemouil vere found guilty in the High

Court 14 months ago of

stabbing and shooting Herr

Erhard Kraft, a café owner in the northern town of Karoi, and robbing him of about \$Z800 Murder planned: Confirming the hanging a Justice Ministry spokesman recalled

that the two bad planned the murder of Herr Kraft in order to rob him, AFP reports. The two men and two other French former mercenaries sentenced to lesser penalties in

connexion with the killing came to what was then Rhodesia in 1977 to fight for the white minority regime They were part of an 80-

strong French-speaking mercenary unit of the Rhodesian Army l that was dissolved in 1978

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Anglo-US Laker talks end in deadlock From Nicholas Ashford, Washington scrious, adverse effects on the Two days of talks in the British and the US about the arose during the Soviet gas

United States between British applicability of American antipipeline dispute.

The British Government has and American officials over a trust law to the United Kinglegal dispute arising from the dom-United States air services collapse of Laker Airways have agreement".

ended in deadlock. British Caledonian, conspired to drive him out of business.

disagreements between

The British delegation flew The talks related to a Justice back to London on Wednesday, retary at the Department of Department investigation into and the British Government charges by Sir Freddie Laker will now consider what steps to applicability of US anti-trust that seven leading airlines, take. No date for further talks law. including British Airways and has been set.

protested about the investigation, and its team. led by Mr Handley Stevens, Under-Sec-Trade, has argued against the

The Justice Department has Diplomatic sources here said refused to comment publicly on that the investigation was the case, but the investigation to drive him out of business. that the investigation was
The British Embassy in straining Anglo-American reWashington said yesterday that lations. In the British view, the talks "failed to resolve the issue involved the same kind of the talks assets in the United the talks assets in the talks assets in the United talks assets as the United talks assets as the United talks as

two airlines, officials said. A private civil case has also been filed in Washington by the insolvent Laker Airways. accusing the seven airlines of forcing Sir Freddie's leading creditors to cut off funds to him by threatening them with a big loss of business.

Harris writes. the extra-territorial concerns which States. These could have

■ There is provision in the air services treaty between the United States and Britain for invoking outside arbitration in unresolved disputes, Derek The Government has tried to make amends for the unjust execution of a knight more than 600 years ago. An exact reproduction of Sir Simon Burley's bedroom complete with bed, stool, chest, coat and helmet, behind glass in a section of the Tower of London never before opened to the public.

The wall walk will go on view without extra charge next Thursday after an official opening by the Queen on Wednesday, when the whole tower will be closed for the day. The walk round the eastern heights will ease crowding and help the tower to stay a top

attraction for tourists. The tower attracted about two million visitors last year, compared witharound three million in the jubilee year of 1977, and brought in more than £5.3m for the Government. Sir Simon was chosen by the Black Prince as tutor for the future Richard II. He wa the first man to be executed on Tower Hill after being "falsly accused," the tower authorities

London hostel for refugees

A residential hostel for people seeking political asylum in Britain was opened in London vesterday by Dr David Owen, of the Social Democratic

Party.

The centre, in Fairmount Road, Brixton, was established by a group of refugee organizations with the approval of the Home Office. Its object is to provide accommodation and practical help for refugees, many of whom would otherwise be sent to remand centres

Court rejects band ban

Grimsby magistrates yesterday overturned a council decision to ban weekly practices of the Boys and Girls Brigade band and awarded the musicians £1,000 costs.

Grimsby council stopped the sessions in January after a resident had complained that the noise from the Wellington Street practice room upset his wife. The band appealed and after listening for an hour to rehearsals also near the neighbour's house to assess noise, the magistrates came down on the side of the band.

Container ship conversion

The Royal Navy is to convert the 27.867-ton container ship Astronomer into a carrier for helicopters, probably in the

The merchant vessel, which has seen service in the South Atlantic, has been chartered by the Navy. It is in Cammell Laird's Birkenhead shipyard waiting to be fitted with a 1,000ton prefabricated flight deck and hangar, being leased from the United States Navy.

Theatre sold for £420,000

The Playhouse Theatre in Edinburgh will be sold to a consortium of businessmen for £420,000, the city council decided vesterday. A Conservative motion was carried by 31

votes to 30. The consortium is headed by Mr Edward Ramsay, a property manager. Gertrude Barton, a Labour councillor, described the sale as "municipal asset stripping of the most vulgar

Job hunters

The number of new Cambridge University graduates who were still seeking work at the end of last year was the highest on record. Cambridge University Careers Service gives the total as 190, or 8 per cent of those whose destinations were known, compared with 168, or 7 per cent in 1981. Women fared worse than men, as in the two previous years - with 10 per cent still seeking

Murder charge

Robert William Waldron, aged 37, unemployed, of Compton Way, Everton, will appear before Liverpool magistrates today, charged with murdering Andrew Waldron, aged five, his nephew.

Invincible back

The carrier Invincible, with Prince Andrew on board, returned to Portsmouth yesterday after three months on exercises in the Caribbean and

Correction

The cost to the Transglobe Expedition for the crossing of the Arctic Ocean through the North Pole was £15,000, not £5m, as suggested in a news report on April 18.

Labour hard left to organize separate election campaign

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

its own campaign for the next 276 party members. general election.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, and Mr Reginald Race, be bridged." MP for Haringey Wood Green, announced at a Commons press conference that a new Labour

the nationalization of the top 25 been hived off by the Conserva- with the witch-hunters'. tives, "with compensation only on grounds of proven need". included in the election mani-

which has been sent out to is too late. Above all, Labour constituency parties, said: "We must regain its credibility as a will demand and campaign for united party, without which we Labour's socialist policies to be cannot win".

clearly stated in the Labour

Party's official campaign docualliance" of coal, steel and rail ment and manifesto, and that unions fed election fever yesterthe party as a whole campaigns day with an appeal to more than for them. We will campaign half a million state industry ourselves on the basis of these workers to vote Labour (Our

Mr Race said last night that up to 20 Labour MP's had been involved in the creation of the group, but he refused to identify

Mrs Helen John, one of the founders of the Greenham Common peace camp and a sponsor of the new campaign, said yesterday that she would not now be standing against Mr James Callaghan, in Cardiff South-east, in spite of the fact hat he would "not be campaigning on Labour Party policy".

But she did say that other Greenham women, Women for Life on Earth, would be standing against Labour candidates who did not support unilateral nuclear disarmament. "We are supporting Socialists for a Labour Victory inasmuch as we are supporting unilateralist candidates", she explained.

The threat 10 party unity Coordinating Committee, to be withdrawn.

Labour's hard left yesterday announce the publication of an gave notice that it will organize appeal for unity sponsered by

They said: "Without some give and take on both sides, the division within the party cannot

The latest newsletter form the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy went even further, splinter group. Socialists for a saying: "Our joint initiative is Labour Victory, was starting clearly unacceptable both to "an important new campaign" extremist 'moderates' and the to assist the election of a extremist left. Ken Livingstone majority Labour Government has already vehemently denot the basis of socialist policies.

The policies listed included CLPD and the LCC want to the nationalization of the 10p 25 bend over and kiss the boot of companies and the renationali- Golding' and that our proposal zation of industry which had amounts to an accommodation

Those whose actions risk splitting the party and handing over the general election to the Tories and the Liberal SDP Alliance must be isolated, and The group's recruiting leaflet, brought to their senses before it

> workers to vote Labour (Our Labour Editor writes).

Mr James Knapp, the new left-wing general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said that the 120 delegates to a special conference of the unions at TUC headquarters in London had agreed to work for the return of a Labour govern-

The unions agreed a ninepoint programme of cooperation to press for increased government spending on the basic nationalized industries

The Wales TUC, which starts its annual conference in Cardiff today, is likely to give its full backing to the Labour Party's national economic assessment with its implied wage restraint (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The delegates, who represent 630,000 trade unionists - about two thirds of the Welsh workforce - may be faced with a posed by the new hard left left-wing emergency motion campaign was also underlined from Merthyr Trades Council by another press conference, calling for a ban on pay talks organized by the left-wing with any government. The Campaign for Labour Party general council was hoping last Democracy and the Labour night that the resolution would

Norman James, a former chief

officer of Wyre Forest District Council, in Worcestershire, who

claimed expenses for meals he

had with two women council-

lors with whom he had affairs,

was found guilty yesterday of making a deceitful expenses claim for one meal.

Mr James, aged 58, who until last year earned £20,000-a-year,

was also convicted of obtaining

£35 expenses by deception for a

hotel stay, and guilty of false

He was fined £500 and

James, of Hawthorn Road,

Bromsgrove, near Birmingham, was cleared of five charges of

making deceitful expenses claims in respect of meals taken

with the Worcestershire coun-

cil's former chairman, Mrs Jean

Munslow, who is now his wife, and Mrs Fran Oborski, a

Liberal councillor, teacher, aged

James had admitted having a year-long affair with Mrs Oborski, which began on a town-twinning trip to West Germany in the summer of 1980.

The highest price ever paid at auction for a spoon, £17,600, was secured at Sotheby's yester-

day for a Viennese spoon made

of silver metal, with little clusters of malachite, pearl.

moonstone and turquoise

sprouting from the stem like buds. It had been consigned for

sale by a knowing dealer in Art

Nouveau who bad found the

spoon in a box of junk that was

included in a minor Phillips

auction earlier this year. He

found no takers, so he put it

into Sotheby's. The purchaser at yesterday's sale was a private

Wiener Werkstatte, the most

Wiener Werkstatte monogram and trademark, the monogram of the designer, Josef Hof-

The Sotheby sale of decorat-

The spoon dates from around plain form with legs angled gently outwards with some

influential avant garde work-shop of Europe. It bears the Winner Walter the Street of Street of

fmann, the monogram of the Jones. The sale totalled maker, Anton Pribil and the £116.342 with five per cent left

the Soliteby sale of decorations and the Bond Street dealers, paid ebonized side table, designed by £140,000 (estimate £60,000 to Philip Webb, at £19,250 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) selling to Louis XV gold and enamel

He had offered the spoon

paid £180 for the lot.

Austrian poincon.

collector.

ordered to pay £250 costs at

Hereford Crown Court

accounting.

Poll deposit £500 fine protest by for civic fraud man ecologists

By Hugh Clayton

Environment Correspondent The Ecology Party yesterday condemned the increase from £150 to £1,000 in parliamentary election deposits which has been recommended by the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. The party, which is the British equivalent of the West German Greens, expects to lose all of its deposits at the

next general election. It has selected candidates for 92 constituencies and expects to fight about one hundred even if the election is held in June. In the general election in 1979 it stood in 53 constituencies and lost all of its deposits with an

average share of the vote in those seats of 1.6 per cent. The party, which has about 4,500 members, is pursuing a lonely parliamentary road among environmental groups, which claim that the changes it seeks can be won only by direct action and protest. The party also fights local elections and has one seat on Cornwall County Council and a few places on district and parish

councils. It rejects economic growth as a cure for the ills of society and wants industrial activity to be tied to careful control over the use of resources like oil, timber and land.

The requirements to stand for election to other parliaments

West Germany: No deposit required. Individual candidates for the Bundestag have to provide the signatures of 200 people from within their own constituency. If candidates gain 10 per cent of the list year cent of the first votes cast or 0.5 per cent of the second votes cast they are repaid the costs of their election campaign at a rate of DM 3.50 (about £1) for each

person entitled to vote. France: Candidates have to provide a deposit of 1.000 francs (about £86) returnable if they poll at least 5 per cent of the votes cast in either the first or second ballot. United States: No deposit required.
Australia: A \$100 (about £55)
deposit required, refundable if the
candidate is elected or if he gains

votes obtained by the winner.

Canada: A \$200 (about £104) deposit required. European Parliament: In accord ance with the European Assembly Act, passed by the British Parlia-ment, British candidates have to put

up a deposit of £600.

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Record trim: Mr Gerry Harley shaving soldiers during his attempt in Gillingham, Kent, yesterday to better his 1981 record of 845 shaves an hour. His new total was 987 in an hour. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Councils to fight civil defence plan By Nichelas Timmins

The Government yesterday published regulations imposing new obligations on local authorities to plan for civil defence and take part in exercises such as last year's ill-fated Operation Hard Rock.

The regulations were greeted as "one of the biggest deceits ever practised on the people of this country" by Mr William Risby, Chairman of the group of 154, mainly Labour, nuclearfree zones.

The nuclear-free local authorities would put up "the biggest possible resistance within the law", he said. Mr Simon Turney, chairman of the Greater London Council's public services committee, added that the GLC would be "Totally

unscrupulous" in using the courts to hamper implementation of the regulations.

It was legal opinion sought by the GLC which in part led to the Government having to redraft the regulations after last vear's civil defence exercise was cancelled when more than 20 county councils refused to take

The new regulations obliged county councils and the GLC to make plans, train staff, organize voluteers, provide control centres and take part in exercises, and to implement plans when directed to do so. Councils will be expected to assist, and ministers will have powers to direct them to do so.

The number of control centres is to be roughly doubled. Two main changes from the authorities will no longer have to plan to evacuate all or part of their populations. They will however, have to plan to billet the homeless.

Central government grants for training and exercising staff and volunteers, and for communications equipment, are to be raised from 75 per cent to 100 per cent.

Mr Risby said that the nuclear-free authorities had been given an undertaking by Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Opposition, that Labour would oppose the new regulations.

Defence choice

Mr Michael Foot yesterday appointed Mr Pat Duffy, a supporter of multilateral dis-armament, to his front bench team of spokesmen on defence. His return to the front bench after two-and-a-half years was causing interest among Labour MPs, especially after the appointment last week of Mr Roland Moyle to replace Mr Denzil Davies, a confirmed unilateralist, as the number two defence spokesman to Mr John Silkin. Mr Davis has become Welsh spokesman.

Sale room

Junk box spoon fetches £17,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

around the trade at £4,000 but clusters, which realized the highest price of its type

carved and gilt details. It had

friend of the pre-Raphaelite circle, particularly Morris, Webb, Rossetti and Burne-

At Christie's S. J. Phillips.

The Art Nouveau Viennese spoon decorated with jewel

yesterday.

Haslam and Whiteway. It is of presentation set decorated with

London fares cuts of 25% planned

By John Witherow

travel on both bus and underground trains. This move comes after a decision by the Greater London Council's transport and finance committee on Wednesday to increase the subsidy to London Transport by almost £100m to £235m for the present financial ayear.

Although that subsidy contra-venes the new Transport Act, which sets a ceiling for grants to passenger transport, the GLC does not expect legal action similar to that which ended its "Fare's Fair" policy. Bus and Tube fares doubled 14 months ago after the Law Lords ruled in favour of Bromley Borough Council which had objected to ratepayers financing the fare

The GLC maintains that the present increase follows extensive consultations and a High Court ruling in January which said the council could reduce fares as long as it was done properly. The increased subsidy is likely to be approved by a full council meeting on Tuesday.

London Transport has said

London Transport is to although some fares will remain reduce fares by an average of 25 the same, others will be cut by per cent from May 22 and introduce a new card that allows Tube fares will drop from £3.20

Tube fares will drop from £3.20 to £1.30. The most common fare of 40p on buses and Tubes will stay but it will cover journeys in the whole of the central London area instead of cither the City of West End zones, providing a saving for many passengers of 20p or 30p. One of the main changes is

the travel card. That will cost between £2.80 and £480 and gives travel on both bus and Underground for periods between one week and one year in a selection of zones and at prices cheaper than existing season tickets. A monthly season ticket from Wembley to Holborn, for example, will now cost £36 instead of £50, and will enable passengers to use almost all Tube and bus services at any

Mr Basil Hooper, London Transport's commercial director, said: "The new fares package Just the Ticket' is not the old 'Fares Fair' with a different label. It offers the most dramatic change yet in the way regular passengers pay, and makes fare-paying simpler for everyone else."

Mental hospital patients 'need contraceptives'

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

More sexual freedom in psychiatric and long-stay hospitals for the mentally handi-capped has increased the need for full contraception services to be made available to female patients, the public hearing on Depo-Provera was told yester-

Most mentally ill or mentally handicapped patients in hospital were perfectly able to make rational decisions about the kind of contraception they wanted to use, expert witnesses told the panel.

Dr Elizabeth McLean, consultant psychiatrist at St George's Hospital, Tooting, south London, and medical administrator at the Springfield psychiatric hospital, also in Tooting, told the panel that most women of child-bearing age who were admitted to mental hospitals were already either on the pill or using IUDs.

Even those who would be regarded as "mad" by the lay public were able to make decisions about their own contraception, which necessary because there was plenty of opportunity to engage in sexual activity at hospitals like Springfield.

scenes inspired by Boucher and

Watteau. It comprises an oval

snuff box, a chatelaine with

pendant watch, a chatelaine

with a rock-crystal scent-bottle,

bonbonniere and thimble case,

a snuffbox with a rock-crystal

body, and a sealing wax-case, all dating from around 1760.

The Christie's sale of silver

and virtu totalled £240,094 with

3 per cent unsold. Spinks paid £28,080 (estimate £15,000) for a

gold freedom box of 1844

celebrating the Treaty

Dr McLean said that sexual activity between patients would be discouraged on wards, but it was entirely their own affair if they planned it outside. Full contraceptive services were needed for patients, not least because an unwanted pregnancy could turn a mild depression into a severe one.

Professor Joan Bicknell, professor of psychiatry of mental handicap at St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting, said that mildly mentally handicapped people were capable of informed consent over the use of contraceptives, given proper education

The medical profession had ridden roughshod over the mentally handicapped for too

Under questioning, Professor Bicknell agreed that there might be special difficulties with Depo-Provera because it was injected for three months and some mentally handicapped patients found it difficult to plan on a long-term basis.

It might be more appropriate to use the drug to suppress menstruation, particularly if that would belp families to keep their daughters at home:

Detectives and informer are acquitted

Two detectives were cleared at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of inciting to burgle and conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

A jury took three-and-a-half hours to acquit Det Constable

Stephen Frost and Det Sergeant James Auger after their 13-day trial. Also appearing in court on the same charges was John Walters, a police informer, who

was also acquitted. All three had denied the charges.

In June, 1981, the detectives had arrested a man known as Tinker Billy for the burglary of a country house in Twyford,

Berkshire. Tinker Billy, William Lee, served 18 months before his sentence was reduced on appeal to one day

Constable Frost, aged 29, of Verney Close, Buckinghamshire, and Sergeant Anger, 47, of Mayhew Crescent, High Wycombe, were arrested after an internal police investisation.

It was alleged that they set up Tinker Billy by persuading Walters, aged 31, of Newton Road, Harlow, Essex, to pro-844 vide him with mask gloves and of a crowbar to use during the burglary.

Race group plea on searches By a Staff Reporter

The Commission for Racial Equality has asked the Government to drop search and scizure powers in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, now before Parliament, and to provide extra safeguards to go with the new powers to stop and search and hold people for prolonged periods without

The commission has suggested that there should be monitoring of the ethnic origin of those stopped and searched, together with an annual report giving the figures for arrests and convictions.

mission has appealed to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, to introduce an independent complaints procedure to cover it. Those detained, the commission says. should have immediate access

to lawyers. Mr Peter Newsam, chairman

Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, yesterday forecast that the police Bill would be allowed to drop (the Press Association reports). Mr Whitelaw was "going to forget about it, but he

in jail should be paid the same as those doing manual work. Commons select committee has recommended in a scathing report on prison education

prisons.

It describes as "inexcusable" Churchill, in 1910, treatment of the accused and convicted was failing that test." Prison education: First report

from the education, science and arts committee (Stationery Of-

dark coating consisting of clay minerals and metal oxides. kind of varnish some of the chemical constituents, notably potassium and calcium ions, are washed out more readily than others. Therefore, Dr Dorn and Dr Whitley argue, by measuring the relative concentrations of mobile and immobile tous in a sample, an estimate can be made of how

Science report

Carvings

twice

as old as

thought

By the Staff of Nature Two American scientists

have devised a technique to date man-made rock carvings

by an analysis of the varnish

that was commonly used to cost them. The technique has

produced evidence to suggest

produced evidence to suggest that some North American Indian carvings are almost twice as old as had been

thought.
The Californian rock care

ings, or petroglyphs, on which Dr Ronald Dorn and Dr David

Dr Ronaid Dorn and Dr Davig Whitley of the University of California at Los Angeles have demonstrated their new method, consist of motifs a few inches across varnished with a

During weathering of that

long the varnish has been

The concentration of the

relevant ions in small samples

of the rock varnish scraped

from five carvings of different

styles in the Great Basin area

of California were analysed by particle-induced X-ray emis-sion. From an analysis of the

data, the oldest carving was

dated to at least 6,400 years

ago when previous estimates had not exceeded 4,000 years.

The most recent carving was

estimated to have been made

580 years ago. Dr Dorn and Dr Whitley

were able to confirm a previous

hypothesis that the style of

carning evolved from curvi-

linear motifs, through rectilin-

ear motifs to carvings recogni-

zable as images of animals.

Crucial to the accuracy of

the technique was its proper

calibration, because the rate of washing out of mobile ions

from any varnish will depend

on a number of factors,

particularly climatic con-ditions. They took care of that

problem by calibrating their

measurements against rock carvings near by that had been

Even if proper calibration is

not always possible, the technique will still be useful in working out the relative dates

of sequences of rock-carvings.

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Court rejects

pleas by

jailed men

Three men jailed for their

part in clashes in south London

which led to the death of Terry

May, aged 19, who was disabled, had their application

for leave to appeal against

sentence dismissed by the Court

The riot, in Thornton Heath.

in June, 1981, came after

skinheads on blacks. Terry

May, a passer-by, was pulled

from a motorcycle and stabbed. Ronald Pilgrim, aged 25, of

Regina Road, Forest Hill, was

jailed at the Central Criminal

Court last year for eight years: Gary Huggins, aged 24, of Melfort Road, Thornton Heath.

for five years and Patrick

Taylor, aged 20, of Cobden Road, South Norwood, for

three years.

Pilgrim was convicted of

manslaughter, affray and riot-

ing; Huggins of rioting and

of Appeal yesterday.

attacks by National

dated by independent means.

exposed to weathering.

On the new powers to detain people for up to 96 hours without charge, the com-

of the commission said that since the Scarman report some progress had been made in relations between the com-munity and the police. "But this may be swept aside unless the black community can be assured that the Bill, if it comes into force, will not lead to abuse of the discretionary powers with which the police

is going to do it as privately as he possibly can". Prisoners who study full time

(John Witherow writes). The all-party committee education, science and arts also recommends in its report. published yesterday, new legislation to govern teaching in

"Prison education desperately needs more money. resources and efficiency, but above all strong direction

prisoners being locked in their cells for as mush as 22 hours a day for weeks on end. "To the then Home Secretary. Winston one of the unfailing tests of the civilization of any country. Seventy years later we are

Taylor of rioting and affray. Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said: "Once you start getting into the realms of vengeance you start vendetias. and once vendettas start there is I no telling where they may end".

Fourth brother is sent to jail as a killer

A fourth brother in a family from south London became a convicted killer yesterdy.

As Daniel O'Driscoll, aged

22, was jailed for 12 years for the "callous and savage" manslaughter of a man who accidentally bumped into him in a street in Brixton, his mother was led screaming from the public gallery of Central Criminal Court.

Judge Gibbens said: "What a family", as he jailed O'Driscoll, of Worcester House, China

victim, Mr David Feldman, aged 23, a carpenter, into a block of flats at Tierney Road, Brixton. He had pursued him on to a third-floor landing and stabbed him in the heart. In his defence, O'Driscoll maintained he had stabbed Mr

Feldman by accident and had offered to take him to hospital. Phillip Thatcher, aged 23, of Kingscourt Road, Streatham, was convicted of assisting O'Driscoll by driving him from the scene of the crime.

The jury acquitted O'Driscoll of murder, but convicted him of manslaughter on a unanimous verdict

He jailed Thatcher for 18 In July 1981, O'Driscoll's three brothers, Gerald, aged 23, Philip, aged 20, and Christoph

of a man at a wine bar in Gerald and Philip O'Driscoll were jailed for life and Christopher O'Driscoll ordered to be detained at Her Majcaty's

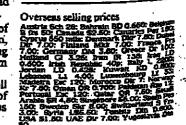
er, aged 18, were convicted of

the "cruel and savage" murder

In that trai, the three were wask Estate, Kennington.

Mr Michael Worsley, for the prosecution, had told the court that O'Driscoll had chased his victim. Mr David Feldman ding He was slashed with broken glass

A fifth brother is also serving a prison sentence. Michael O'Driscoli, also in his twenties, was jailed last year for two years. for unlawful possession of a shotgun at a club in Streatham.



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CND to appoint worker who will canvass poll candidates' attitudes

The Campaign for Nuclear unless the individual Conserva- movements and some represenfull-time worker for the general party's policies on anclear mover election campaign. The job will include maintaining a register of the views of all MPs and

When the campaign starts, staff to 29. The job's other attend, as well Mr Mostyn CND will use the register to responsibilities will include Evans, general secretary of the publicize the views of all liaising with and briefing MPs, TGWU and Mr Wedgwood

dates stand.

Mgr Bruce Kent general Labour, SDP, Liberal and scretary of CND, said yesterday.

"There is no question that CND Mgr Kent was still declining." is a political movement since it seeks social change; but it is not a party political movement. "We will make known the views of candidates and urge people to vote for the candidate

voters to decide". CND's policy is that it will not endorse any individual party or candidate although Mrs Joan Ruddock, CND's chairwoman has said that the campaign has to create a position where people who support CND's aims cannot vote Conservative.

Traffic

warden

wins claim

From Our Correspondent

Mr John Hancock, a traffic

warden who was dismissed for

being rude to motorists, won his

claim for unfair dismissal

yesterday. He is expected to: receive £800 compensation. Miss Norah Healey, chair-

man of the Nottingham indus-trial tribunal, said the panel

thought Mr Hancock was 80 per

cent to blame for his dismissal,

but she added that the panel was concerned that Mr Tony

Tyler deputy chief constable of

Nottinghamshire had treated

Mr Hancock, aged 56, a traffic warden for 15 years, said

afterwards: "Some firms sack

employees for not working, but

I have been sacked for working. I enjoyed serving the public."

He estimated he had issued

12.000 parking tickets and reported another 5,000 offences.

After this case I don't think

any traffic warden will want to

West Bridgford, Nottingham, who was dismissed in August,

1981, after repeated complaints

from the public, will not be

At an earlier hearing, Super-

intendent Charles Causley, his

could detect offences better than

any policeman we had, but he just didn't know how to be nice

"He had an insatiable appe

tite for reporting offences. He would stand at a strategic point,

usually at Trent Bridge, Not-

tingham, for two hours and fill

his book with traffic offences."

former superior, said:

Hancock, of Selwyn Close

do a lot of work."

to people.

the case as gross misconduct.

whom, in their opinion, will work most effectively to end the arms race. It will be for the

candidates in the constituencies, organizing lobbies of Parlia-concentrating particularly on ment assisting local groups marginal seats, to let voters during the election and haising know where individual candi-with CND's specialist political

yesterday to dicuss Cardinal Hume's statement on his. position in CND. But it, is understood that after careful thought he intends to continue in his post, with the cardinal's Kent's position with CND.

are expected to attend the international women's day of second European nuclear disaction action May 24. They are armament convention in Berlin hoping that trade unionists and

9 and 14, is expected to attract scale de more than 2,000 representatives of western European peace

Disarmament is to appoint a tive candidate disagrees with his tatives of castern. European

Mgr Kent, representatives of include maintaining a register The post of election worker. The Greenham Common peace of the views of all MPs and candidates on nuclear weapons and disarmament issues.

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> events had confirmed the power of the peace movement in Britain. There had been the attempt to pumish the Citizens' Advice Bineau because Mrs Ruddock worked for them; Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, had tried to imply that CND was Secretary. imply that CND was Soviet-dominated and there had been the pressure applied over Mgr

Mr Benn said that recent

● Up to 200 people from the British peace movement, trade unions and the Labour Party announced their plans for an others will take the day off to The convention between May take part in dozens of small-

Man made wife pay him to decorate

so mean that he charged his if she succeeded, she would wife £5 for redecorating the have a claim on the house, the living-room ceiling. The only judge said if he had won, he time he gave her a lift to work would be entitled to stay in the in his car, she paid for the house will petrol. He collected 50p a week against it. from his family to pay for the electricity used by the tele-risge had it vision, a divorce judge said in down, but denied it was caused

Mrs Theima Broadhurst, aged 56, a decree nisi against her in cars and playing golf and "very selfish and insensitive" bowls. husband on the ground that their marriage had intetrievably broken down because of his. unreasonable behaviour.

The judge, in the Family Division, said Mr Broadhurst, aged 65, made his family pay toeards the cost of installing a shower, even though their house in Brewery Road, Plumstead, south-east London, did not have a bath. When one of his two married

daughters visisted her old home, she was charged 5p for having a shower.

this man," the judge said.

without any claim

He admitted that the marriage had injettievably broken by his behaviour. The indee London yesterday. by his behaviour. The judge Mr Justice Eastbarn granted said Mr Broadhurst, a retired bricklayer, was interested only

Mr Broadhurst agreed there was a "mutual dislike for each other," but claimed he was a hen-pecked worm in the

Sexual contact between the couple stopped at the end of 1974. Mrs Broadhurst was the warmer of the two" and try to sexual intercoarse. But he used to say he was too tired, the

"This matter illustrates with a relative, said: "Iam pleased I affect clarity the meanness of have got a divorce at last." Mr. perfect clarity the meanness of have got a divorce at last." Mr. this man," the judge said. Broadhursts classed to comment

Incompetent solicitors 'should refund fees'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

refund all or part of their fees, the Lay Observer recommends in his annual report published

The Lay Observer, Major John Allen, who acts as a watchdog of the way the Law except that which is offered

In such cases, which stop short of actionable negligence, the Law Society should be given power to order a refund by a solicitor. At present its powers are limited to issues of pro-

Incompetent solicitors guiky mistakes at their own expense of serious dereliction of duty. Nevertheless, I believe the to a client should be ordered to society should have the power proportion of cases where their solicitor fails to meet his proper obligations in this respect."

He notes that the Law Society is revising its Guide to the Professional Conduct of Solici-Society handles the public's tors and says further judiment complaints, says at present will be suspended until new complaints, says at present will be suspended until new there is no remedy for bad measures relating to incom-professional work by solicitors petence are announced.

> mation are still a "frequent and well-justified cause of complaint" from the public against solicitors he says. "I have been dismayed at the overall time taken to bring some matters to a

Most solicitors did correct. Charter (Stationery Office, £2.25.) hands of the police."



Javne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the world ice dance champion skaters, who were made honorary freemen of the city of Nottingham yesterday.

dance championship for the third successive time. They hope this year to win a gold medal at the winter Olympics.

Solvent clue to deaths of two boys

From Craig Seton Weston-Super-Mare

Two boys aged 15 who were found dead in a garden shed yesterday may have been sniffing solvents.

Michael Munns, described as a good samaritan by neigh-bours, and Ian Kitts, his friend. were found slumped in the shed at the back of the Munnses Weston-Super-Mare, Avon, by two other schoolboys.

The police were called but several attempts to revive the police would not comment on atem examinations had been

Mr Dennis Kitts, father of lan Kitts, said yesterday: "We are being told that the police have taken away samples of solvent. From that point of view to say it is solvent abuse is speculation and we are waiting for the pathologist's report".

A neighbour of Michael Munns said: "We cannot believe it. He was such a cheerful, bright lad, and was always willing to help."

He had been belping his father, who works for a building firm, to extend their home.

Children and staff at Wyvern School in Western-Super-Mare, which both boys attended, were stunned by their death. Mr Geofficy Crump, director of education for Avon, said yester-day: "This is a desperate tragedy and the authority has enormous sympathy with the family.

"The incident took place outside school time and is in the

Advertising dispute is expressed by Granada, one of the "big

Mr Peter Rennie, sales director

said much more revenue would

have been generated had it not

Mr Timothy Knowles, assist

been for the dispute.

Banker to chair Nature Conservancy Council

By Our Environment Correspondent

A London banker who runs a president of the County Land-Weish sheep farm as a nature reserve is to be the next chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council. He is William Wilkinson, aged 50, brother of Mr John Wilkinson, Conservative MP for Hillingdon, Ruislip-Northwood.

The new chairman, who will take over next Tuesday, described himself yesterday as a "floating voter" who had never belonged to a political party. "I have always been interested in wildlife, the countryside and their conservation", he said. He will succeed Sir Ralph Verney, aged 68, a former

about to end a three-year term as chairman. Mr Wilkinson will serve for four years.

owners Association, who is

naturalists that Sir Ralph has been dismissed because of his robust defence of Somerset bird refuges against pressure from farmers and Conservative MP's. Mr Wilkinson's wide inter-

as bridge the two competing lobbies of farmers and naturalists which make opposing demands on the council, a which adminsters

7,000 more teaching jobs may disappear but colleges expand

areas in the next 12 months, according to a survey of 76 local education authorities conducted ov The Times Educational

On the basis of the ample, the obs of 7,000 teachers throughout England and Wales could disappear in 1983-84.

In contrast to the schools, where pupil numbers are falling, colleges of further education expect to employ 1,000 new lecturers in the next 12 months to teach the swelling ranks of 16 to 19 year olds. About 500 extra college posts were found to have been created last year.

There were no compulso redundancies last year and chief education officers do not expect to dispute anyone because spending cuts or falling pupli numbers over the next year.

Some of the jobs in schools disappeared through redeployment, but most went through premature retirement: last vear 5.350 older teachers left the profession early with enhanced pension rights. Given the net reduction of 5,500 jobs in 1982filled through the promotion of

For individual teachers who face an uncertain future and for special needs.

More than 5,500 teachers' parents who see schools closing more than 5,500 teachers parens who see schools crossing jobs disappeared from the and specialist staff disappear-payrolls of three-quarters of ing the reductions may seem local councils in the last harsh. But they are still not high financial year. A further 5,000 enough in terms of plans set out look set to be cut from the same by the Department of Edward The cation in the White Paper The Government's Plans 1983-4 to 1985-6; (Cmmd

The White Paper envisaged a cut of 11,000 for 1983-84; given the corresponding drop in pupil numbers, it said that that could mean a very slight improve-ment in pupil-teacher ratios.

The survey found that half the education authorities in England and Wales plan to spend slightly more on education in the next 12 months than in 1982-83. Four out of 10 plan to spend less and one in ien plans to spend the same from a 6.6 per cent increase in Dudley to a 2.9 per cent

decrease in Stockport. Two-thirds of the authorities in the sample will be "over-spent" in 1983-84 because their total spending on all services is in breach of government targets. They will be penalized by losing rate support grant. The picture would be much bleaker if interest rates and inflation had not failen over the past year.

Most authorities are spending at least five per cent more on books and equipment. A third of the authorities are increasing

Prison potter convicted of Leach conspiracy

A jury at Southwark Crown Court, London, yesterday found Vincent Mason guilty of conspiring with two other men to obtain money by deception from leading auction houses by making fake Bernard Leach pottery in a prison workshop. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for

two years.
Although he was a beginner Mason, serving a five-year sentence for burglary and handling stolen property, used the library at Featherstone prison, near Wolverhampton, to make a detailed study of the

Cornish master potter. The copies he produced in the prison kiln fooled experts at Sotheby's, Christie's, Bonham's and other auction houses.

The jury was told that William Boardman, a fellow prisoner, saw Mason's work at already serving,

pottery classes and hit on the idea of passing them to John then got in touch with the auction houses.

Mason's work appeared in various catalogues and even fooled Mr Richard Dennis, who had collected and dealt in Leach's works for many years.

Mason, aged 47, of Fawcett Street, Salford, Greater Man-chester, insisted he did not know what Boardman and Excell were doing with his pots. He denied trying to fool "the foremost experts on Leach" and such presumption would have been monumental".

Excell was given an 18-month sentence suspended for two years and Boardman was given 18 months concurrent with a three-year sentence he was

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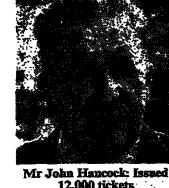
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Meeting the costs of Channel 4

Television's newcomer is winning friends

By Kenneth Gosling Channel 4, six months old next week and now well established in the ratings after a shaky start, is still enjoying the confidence of the independent television companies in spite of the strain it places on their The 15 companies are bear-

ing the brunt of the channel's anything like the total £138m outlay in advertising revenue, mainly due to the dispute over advertising fees for actors. Television, for example, would have made a

profit before its levy payment of between £20m to £30m this year, but that potential profit has become a predicted loss of between £2m and £3m. Thames pays the highest Channel 4 subscription of £21.6m. Company executives were unwilling yesterday to reopen

old arguments about whether Channel 4 should have been controlled by the independent television companies rather than becoming a subsidiary of the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA).

Mr Hugh Dundas: chairman of Thames Television, said: "There is no point in saying what might have happened. We in the 15 companies and the Independent Television News all the facilities and expertise. But we went into the the companies owe on the first current franchise knowing what year's subscriptions to the was to happen and that is now

Future secure, TV-am says

After weeks of uncertainty, low ratings for its programmes and the disappearance of several "famous name" presenters, TV-am yesterday announced

In a brief statement after a board meeting, it said that agreement had been reached between the company's share-holders and its bankers.

that its finanacial future is

The company, which holds the commercial breakfast television franchise, has come to an agreement with its ns on cuts amounting to £1.5m a year towards checking

It is clear from the state-

ment that Mr Timothy Aitken, chief executive of TV-am, bas succeeded in his attempt to restore a £3m overdraft facility with Barclays merchant bank in return for certain guaran-

. The reprieve will enable Mr Greg Dyke, the new editor-in-chief who starts work on day, to produce a package better able to compete with the BBC Breakfast Time programme, which has been achieving ratings of 1.5 million against TV-am's 300,000.

water under the bridge. Our ambition is to see it work." Mr Paul Fox, managing director and director of pro-Yorkshire Television, sixth in grammes at Yorkshire, who is a the subscription list on £13.6m, semior figure in the industry. was losing £1m a month earlier discounted reports that the companies wanted either to see year in terms of the discrepancy between what it has Channel 4 go out of business or to pay for Channel 4 and the

revenue it draws from advertiswholeheartedly and continue to Now that figure has been reduced to £750,000, partly, Yorkshire says, because Chanwould be much easier without the advertising dispute, and God knows when the end of nel 4 revenue has increased, but also because the IBA has deferred the collection of some that will come, but the company is performing well and its of the interest on the amount clòsure has never been dis-Frustration over the Equity/

ant managing director and finance director of HTV, was immediate resolution of the dispute, there would be no significant increase in the overall income from advertising because the money we have lost on Channel 4 and S4C has

simply been moved into ITV Last month the companies had the consolation of seeing their general revenue from advertising increase to £73m, £15.5m more than in February and nearly £20m more than in April last year.

That lends support to the

view of Mr John Birt, director of programmes, London Weekend Television, that the people in Independent Television are confident that the present to stage a takeover. confident that the present

He said: "We support it difficulties will have evaporated." in a couple of years. But he wish it well. Obviously life added that companies such as LWT are going to have to retaink fundamentals in a system that has not had to do it for quite some time".

As for Channel 4, to be successful it needs, on average, for everyone who watches television to tune into it for two

Too many

involved

for visits

to graves

There were just too many people involved to make it a feasible proposition for all war widows to visit their husbands' graves overseas at public expense, Lard Glenarthur,

a Government spokesman, told the House of Lords at question time.

feelings of sympathy with those who have died in all wars. The sacrifices

of those in the last war were as great

as those who died in the Falklands. I know this is keenly felt by many.

Of course the Government would like to be able to offer a visit at public expense to the close relatives

of servicemen buried overseas. But the simple fact that it is a matter of

scale and practicality. There are just

Lord Cledwyn of Peurhos, leader of the Opposition peers, asked what

was the scale and cost involved. What were the numbers involved, bearing in mind that it was only a

bearing in mind that it was only a percentage of the total number of widows who would be able to go. The number of widows from the First World War must be small by

now.

Would the minister (he added)
convey the feeling of the House to
the Secretary of State for Defence
(Mr Michael Heseltine)? The

Government should introduce a

phased scheme, based possibly on age, to enable the widows who want

to go to visit the graves of their late husbands.

husbands.

Lord Glenarthur said there were about 172,000 identified graves of British servicemen buried overseas from World War Two alone. It

Jeger: Government

insensitive to families

that the majority would have at least one surviving close relative who might wish to take up the offer of a visit. It was calculated there

were just over 65,000 war widows'

pensions in payment.

Phasing visits would not significantly ease the difficulties unless

everyone concerned was offered a visit within a reasonable time scale.

There would inevitably be charges

overcoming the problem because of the sheer scale. Stretching it over a

We do not have an estimate of the cost. It would be a very large sum

Family doctor

service review

The administration of the family

practitioner services in England and Wales is to be reviewed. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for

Health, announced in a written

He said it was proposed to invite

management consultants, working with the Department of Health and

Social Security and the Welsh Office, to undertake the review,

There is no way (he said) of

WAR WIDOWS

PM asserts: 'We are the true peace movement'

NUCLEAR DEBATE

The Conservatives were the true peace movement. Mrs Margaret Thateher, the Prime Minister, declared in the Commons during questions about Labour's defence policy and about the politics of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarma-

Mrs Thatcher denied that Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, had spoken to Cardinal Hume or any other church or religious leaders about the CND. She hoped that there would be an early Commons debate on defence matters and also promised that the Conservatives would keep defence at the forefront of the election

Mr David Tripper (Rossendale, C) asked her. Has she studied the essay written by Mr Denis Healey, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and spokesman of foreign and Commonwealth affairs in the book called Renewal: Labour's British in the 1980?

Does she not find it strange in that essay on foreign affairs that Mr Healey never referred once to Labour policy on withdrawal from the Common Market and the removal of nuclear weapons and

It would be far better if Mr Healey came clean and renounced those policies, which he knows would be a disaster for this country. Mrs Thatcher: I agree that it would be a disaster to withdraw from Europe or to abandon our nuclear weapons. The one would have a devastating effect on industry and the other would show that we were not prepared to defend ourselves. revealing the facts. defence of Great lave not read the essays but I do not share Mr Trippier's surprise. Mr ton. C: The best credentials for our true security.

RATING SYSTEM

Mr Alan Beith Berwick upon

when the due time comes.

Next week

The main business in the Commons

next week will be: Tuesday and Wednesday: Progress on the remaining stages of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Thursday: Remaining stages of the Mobile Homes Bill and the National

Tuesday: Energy Bill, report Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill,

second reading. Debate on Ameri-

Heritage Bill

whatever that may be.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and
Lymington, C): In two recent
evening's canvassing with an

excellent Conservative candidate in the Grange ward of Christchurch which had the largest council housing estate in my constituency, I have come across a number of erstwhile Labour voters who have expressed their grave concern and disillusion with Labour support of CaiD.

Will she therefore do everything to encourage Comrade Kent and his socialist cohorts to keep defence at the forefront of debate?

Mrs Thatcher: We shall keep defence at the forefront. They are vital for the security of our way of life and the people of this country, and for our international standing. I hope that soon there will be a full debate in the House Airdric, Lab): There is a widespread Airdrie, Lab): There is a widespread concern in Scotland about recent remarks by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence. Distinguished representatives of the Church of Scotland, the Episcopalean Church and Roman Catholic

Church take grave exception to the smear of the peace movement. had no conversations with Cardinal Hume. (Protests) Just because the Labour Party does not like the facts. it does not make them any the less facts. Mr Heseltine has had no conversations with Cardinal Hume or with the head of any other church or religious organization.

About his other revelations about

the leaders of the CND, I fail to see that anyone can be blamed for



Maxwell-Hyslop: Policies have kept the peace

eading the peace movement are to

five preceding prime ministers, who have kept Britain in Nato and kept nuclear weapons defending us, have demonstrated that they lead the true movement for preserving peace between East and West (Labour protests and Conservative cheers). Mrs Thatcher: Nuclear weapons are a part of the Nato balance. That has spart of the ward database. That has kept the peace for 38 years and people should be very slow to discard it before they can find something to keep the peace equally

Mr Mark Carlisle (Runcom, C): Mr Mark Carlisle (Runcom, C): Has she seen reports in today's papers that, apparently, in the Labour does not propose to refer to its intention to go for unilateral nuclear disarmament? Mr Foot, the Leader of the Opposition says that is the main issue at the next election. but apparently does not wish to put it publicly before the electorate.

Mrs Thatcher: I have seen the reports but Labour's true voice has been revealed in documents and sayings of many people. They are unilateralists and that means they would be prepared to play with the defence of Great Britain, and to

War hero's widow being helped

The Government had an excellent

record on war widows, and the excellence of that record would

continue in future. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said

during Commons questions about the sale by Mrs Muriel Nicolson of

son, who died in a plane crash in 1945, had won the VC during the Battle of Britain as a fighter pilot—the only one to win a VC in that battle. The Nilcolson family had put

the medal up for public sale deliberately to draw attention to what they felt to be the Govern-ment's innatention to Second World

The matter was raised by Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) who said that one of the

saddest sights of the past few days had, been the sale of a Victoria

Cross.
Will the Prime Minister consider

initiating a wide-ranging review of

asked) so that they can be given the same kind of consideration. kind-

ness and compassion properly shown to the widows of the

Falklands campaign? Mrs Thatcher:

This Government's record in

improving the lot of war widows has

been unsurpassed by any other government, including the Labour

her late husband's Victoria Cross.

SALE OF VC

Nar widows.

Government

Labour-controlled local authorities to be careful how they spend to be careful how they spend to be careful how they spend ratepayers money and show they give value for it.

Mr. Foot: If she is now showing a renewed interest in the rating system, how much have rates increased upder her Government?

That they That they Too much, especially She denied that the Conservative Mrs Thatcher: Too much, especially Party had made a promise to in Labour-controlled authorities. Party had made a promise to abolish the rating laws and condemned the 18 largest over-Mr Foot: Rates have increased in condemned the 18 largest over-spenders among local authorities, which were all Labour-controlled.

Government by 75 per cent. How much could they have been reduced if she had not cut the rate suppor

Tweed. L): had asked if she was going to promise to abolish the rating system as she did previously? Labour-controlled areas. The 18 Would it be on the basis of the plan she had in mind then, or was she going to promise merely to reform London Council, the Inner going to promise merely to reform London Education Authority, the leavagem? Mrs Thatcher: There was no Avon. Merseyside. Southwark, promise to abolish the rating Sheffield, Greenwich, Tyne and system. (Opposition interruptions) Wear... (the rest of the names It was clear that their reduction of were lost amid loud Conservative

Labour loves spending

other people's money

what we say about rates people's money.

Mr Foot: How much have rates Chapman (Barnet, increased in Surrey, controlled by Chipping Barnet, C), will she look at the Conservatives?
recently-published statistics which Mrs Thatcher: They are much too show that the average rate poundage high in Surrey, (Labour laughter).
of Labour-controlled London One of the ways of trying to get

boroughs are no less than 50 per public expenditure in the local cent higher than Conservative-con- authorities reduced was the new trolled boroughs. The equivalent system for the rate support grant. figure in the Metropolitan councils. On average this year rates is 25 per cent, as it is in the shires. increased by 6.5 per cent. Had the The best advice to people is to two biggest spenders - the GLC vote Conservative to get their rates and ILEA - been on their targets. down (Conservative cheers.) there would have been on average Mrs Thatcher: Many Labour-convirtually no rate increases this trolled authorities are vey big year.

Right to buy clause not to be reinserted

HOUSING BILL

The Government does not intend to replace the clause in the Housing and Building Control Bill which Friday: Private members' Bills. The main business in the House of Lords next week will be: would have extended right to buy provisions to properties occupied by tenants of charitable housing can nuclear and other bases Wednesday: Debate on Soviet penetration and influence in the associations and housing trusts and which was rejected in the Lords by 182 votes to 96 on Tuesday, Lord Bellwin, Minister for Local Govern-ment and Environmental Services, announced in the House of Lords at the beginning of the second day of the Bill's committee stage. Telecommunications Bill, committee, first day. Friday: Parochial Charities (Neigh-

spenders of other people's money This year the 18 largest over-spend

West Midlands, Greater Manchester, income tax would have to come cheers and Labour interruptions.

first. He will have to wait and see Labour loves spending other

The increases we have given include a special one for old age and the fact that we have taken war widows completely out of taxation. On that particular case, it is very We have looked into the case and Mrs Nicolson was visited. She was awarded a war widow's pension after the death of her husband. In the post-war period, the rate was increased for her son and his school lees were met under the war pensions scheme.

In addition to the standard pension she has received some help from the RAF Benevolent Fund. She has rank allowance and an age allowance. We were not aware that she needed further money We have an excellent record on war widows and I imagine that the excellence of that record will

continue in future. Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills. Copyright (Amendmemt) Bill, report. Coroners' Juries Bill,

State cash for research project

TECHNOLOGY

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, outlined in a Commons statement a joint researc programme into information technology (IT) which is expected to cost up to £350m. The programme is to involve industry, research institutions and the Government. It would, he said, be the first time there had been a colloborative research project on this scale. The statement was made in response to the report of the Alvey

Mr Jenkin said: The Alvey Committee was set up last year at the request of the IT industry to investigate the scope for a collaboralive research programme in ad-vanced information technology in the light of mounting concern in the industry at the increasing threat of overseas competition.

After detailed consultations with

House of Lords at question time.
The Government was accused by
Lady Jeger (Lab) of being "totally
insensitive" to the feelings of many
families of men killed in wars other
than the Falklands campaign.
When she asked the Government
to reconsider the possibility of
assistance for such visits. Lord
Genarthur informed her. We have
no plans to reconsider offering visits
at public expense to servicemen's at public expense to servicemen's graves overseas to the next of kin of such servicemen buried before the ustry I am now able to anno the Government's response. The future competitiveness of our iT industry is a subject to which we attach the utmost importance. The current arrangements were introduced in 1967.

Lady Jeger 1s the Government totally insensitive to the feelings of many families who have lost their next of kin in other wars? The arrangements introduced in 1967 were not retrospective but there is now a new situation with the Feliklands according to the contraction of the contraction of the feliclands according to the feliclands. attach the utmost importance. The report outlines the key enabling technologies in which the IT industry must maintain and strengthen its competitive position in world markets.

Its theme is the need for collaboration between industry, academic institutions and other research organizations in order fully

Falklands arrangements.
Will the Government look again research organizations in order fully to mobilize our potential in these technologies. The task is beyond the at this with some sensitivity and sympathy to people who feel equally bereaved wherever their loved ones resources of any single enterprise.

The central purpose is to pave the were killed and whatever date it happened? Lord Glenarthur: All will share her way for IT products, IT processes and IT services which can be sold in the market in competition with the

rest of the world. recommendation to establish a programme of collaborative re-search concentrated on the four main areas of technology set out in the report. These areas are software engineering, very large scale inte-gration that is, advanced chips, man

knowledge based systems. Industry has realized the need for collaborative research in these areas, and it is ready to take part in such a programme. This positive involvement of industry in the involvement of industry in the funding, management and exe-cution of the programme is crucial to its success, if we are to turn successful research into marketable

The key feature of the programme will be collaboration between companies, Government research

Projections

for growth

unchanged

There was encouraging con-

There was encouraging confirmation that the economy was recovering, but this had not let the Government to revise its projections for growth in the comman year. Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said in the Commons when asked if he would revise unwards his estimates for economic

Over recent weeks, he added, a

ing production was increasing – up 1

per cent in the three months to February on the previous three

months; the continuing growth in

total output, now 2 per cent higher

than in the spring of 1981; and a substantial improvement in busi-

When an apology was conveyed from Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor

of the Exchequer, for his absence as he was at a meeting in Washington

of the Development Committee of the World Bank, Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU) said the

Chancellor would be better occu-pied answering questions in the House than being in Washington fixing up loans to sustain un-sustainable regimes and unsound

Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd (More-cambe and Lonsdale, C): The evidence of the recent CBI survey

perhaps the reason for the Oppo-

sition's desperate concern to see a June election. They fear the situation will be even worse for

Mr Brittan: That anxiety is well placed, because the CBI's latest industrial trends survey does show encouraging improvements in business optimism, which is at its highest level since 1976. That is

ess confidence.

number of encouraging indicators had been published pointing to modest economic recovery. These included evidence that manufacturing the state of the control of the contro

upwards his estimates for econe

THE ECONOMY

funded 100 per cent by

government.

In the case of work carried out in industry. Alvey recommended that most of this should be 50 per cent government funded, but that some government funded, but that some projects should attract 90 per cent funding. We have considered this last recommendation closely, but have decided that 90 per cent government funding does not secure a sufficient industrial commitment and could lead to the programme becoming divorced from industry's needs. I have, therefore, decided that all industrial work should be 50

per cent government funded. per cent government funded.

Companies taking part will be required to release know-how and to share results with their project partners. They will also be expected to license results on reasonable conditions to others in the programme, and to organisations outside the programme where this is preceded to secure exploitation. needed to secure exploitation.

The report estimated that the research would cost about £350m over five years. The Government stands ready, to support a programme of research on this scale. However, the extent of the Government's contribution to the programme depends upon industry making its contribution and upon The report proposed that academic institutions should carry out some £50m of research over five years, and industry the remaining £300m. The full cost of this to Government would be around

This money will be provided by the Department of Industry, the Department of Education and Science and the Ministry of Defence and, over the PES period, will not

and, over the PES period, will not add to existing allocations.

The Department of Education and Science will finnd research through the Science and Engineering Research Council, mainly in the universities. The Ministry of Defence will finnd research of periodals importance to our future. particular importance to our future defence industry. The Department of Industry will provide the major portion of the Government's funds and will carry overall responsibility for the management of the

A new, small, directorate will be established in the Department of Industry to coordinate the pro-gramme. It will be headed by Mr Brian Oakley, currently Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Council. It will be staffed by people from the industry and supported by the Government

reflected not just in optimism but in improved order books.

There are numerous other indicators in the real world to show

that and it is only a few of the more benighted Labour MPs who do not

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L): What is the Government's message to those British manufacturers whose plans to contribute to greater growth in the

economy depend upon a realistic international valuation of the pound sterling?

Mr Brittam It is not the job of Government to give messages of this kind. The job of the Government is to provide the right

financial framework and the right

That is what has been done in the

Budget in relation to business

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition

spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, (Tower Hamlets,

Stepney and Popular, Lab: Mr Brittan's reply was well judged in his refusal to increase his estimate of

the rate of growth of GDP in the

economy of 2 per cent for this year and 21/2 per cent for the second half

of this year over the second half of

Can he explain, having I assume

read the recent quarterly report of the CBI in which it is shown that 72

per cent of our firms are operating below capacity and only 4 per cent believe they are short of orders, why there is so much apparent optimism on the economy in the Govern-ment's statements at the present

time? What is the real basis for this?

an example of scraping the barrel as we shall see. He does not now seem to be challenging the fact that the

economy is growing but only welcoming the fact that we are not

able to announce a faster rate of

growth than we announced at the time of the Budget.

As for accounting for optimism, it

As for accounting for optimism, it is not difficult to understand why when British industry is showing increasing order books and increasing expectations.

I regard that as a good sign. The whole country does. The only

accept what is going on.

Work carried out in departments concerned and institutions will as usual SERC. The directorate will report to a

small supervising board of industri-alists. Sir Robert Telford, who has substantial experience of the electronics industry, has agreed to serve on a part-time basis as chairman of the Board. This is the first time in our history that we shall be embarking on a collaborative research project on anything like this scale. Industry,

on anything the tits scatt. Industry, academic researchers and Government will be coming together to achieve major advances in technology which none could achieve on ensure that the results as they emerge are fully exploited here in Britain to the advantage of our economy. Information technology is one of the most important industries. The involvement of industry will one of the most important industries of the future and therefore one upon which hundreds of thousands of jobs in the future

Collaboration will ensure that the results of the research are widely disseminated particularly to smaller firms which have such an important.

this programme will ensure for British industry secure access to the new technology and to the products rocesses on which the new logy and to the products and processes on which our future prosperity depends.



Jenkin: £350m project over five years

John Garrett, an Opposition kesman on industry (Norwich, th, Lab): In general we welcome

this statement.

The refusal to meet Alvey's proposal for a 90 per cent funding by the Government on some projects means that many small companies will not able to join the

Alvey proposed the 90 per cent funding specifically to assist dis-semination of key technologies. Will the spread of new systems be hindered by the penny-pinching restriction of funding to 50 per cent? What are the implications for the education system? Alvey stad it was no good just providing schools with micro-computers when what was needed was a massive expansion of

teacher training, including 500 new trained personnel, 150 new academic posts and 800 new undergraduate places.
What is the Government's policy on the multinationals? Alvey said they should participate in the programme only where it is guaranteed that valuable technical information will not leak abroad ormation will not leak abroad. Mr Jenkin: On the decision not to accept the Alvey 90 per cent figure where small companies would be interested, this is in no sense pennypinching. This is not to save expenditure – the Government's commitment will be approaching 60 per cent of the total amount

involved. We want to make sure that the Government's involvement in this research would have sufficient direct interest to make sure that it

The programme provides for the training in the necessary skills. It is designed to go hand in hand with
the Secretary of State for Education
and Science's information technology "New Blood" initiative
which has already been announced.
On multinationals, all companies On multinationals, all companies taking part in the programme will be required to meet the same general conditions: they must have the research expertise to contribute, they must be ready to accept the rules under the intellectual properties rights, and they must exploit the technology arising from the pro-gramme in the United Kingdom. We will require clear and categorical assurances that the work done here does not leak overseas to benefit Britain's competitors. This whole programme will be an enormous advantage to Britain's IT

Mr John Grant (Islington, Central, SDP): The statement shows a Surprising degree of complacency. By short changing industry in this way does he think he will enable it to compete adequately with the hugely government backed industries of Japan and West Germany? Mr Jenkin: I do not see how he can describe as short changing industry the programme I have announced

person who regards it as a bad sign is Mr Shore. He said later that at the Williamsburg summit the Chancellor would be engaged in discussions designed to ensure that, where possible, the countries of western Europe adopted policies on inflation and budget deficits which would enable the kind of progress not only in this country but in the United

in this country but in the United States and Germay to continue and not to be abortive. Mr Joel Barnett (Heywood and Royton, Lab): How does he expect to sustain even the present modest recovery without an increase in inflation?

Mr Brittam I do not believe that the policy we have been following of restraint in monetary growth, which has led to a fall in inflation, will be reversed. The increase in activity which I have described is a result of the success of this policy. If we were to reverse it, the increase in production and output would not

Mr Stephen Dorrell: (Lough-borough, C): It is not clear that the fluctuation in the exchange rate over the past two years has been a major investionant to the ground of weeds impediment to the growth of world

As we rely so heavily on an expanding base of world trade, is it not in our interest to work with our European and American partners for greater exchange rate stability?

Mr Brittan: We should seek to work with them and persuade them, as we have to a large extent been successful in doing, to pursue policies with regard to inflation and Budget deficits which would lead to stability in the exchange rate greater Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Edinburgh, Cen-

recovery is under way, when will manufacturing investment rise 37 per cent, and manufacturing output 22 per cent back to their 1979 levels, when will bankruptcies fall by 67 per cent back to the 1979 level, and when will unemployment go down by two million to its 1979 level? Mr Brittan: If he is trying to tell us

that there has been a receare well aware of that.

British key fitted US missile

DEFENCE

A serious incident involving Thor missiles in 1962 had only recently come to light. Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, SDP) said when he unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate in the Commons on the desirability of a dual control by control by control by control by control by control methods. key control mechanism for cruise missiles.

He said a Royal Air Force technician had discovered during routine servicing of an inert missile States Air Force lock.

The Prime Minister had con-firmed to him details of the 1962 incident which had not been reported at the time to the government of the day, it had direct relevance to the debate about control of cruise missiles were they to be deployed in this country.

It was not sufficient to have confidence alone in the joint decision making of a President and a Prime Minister. The House should also have confidence in the actual sunch control mechanism.

also dave confidence in the actual launch control mechanism for British-based missiles.

After the RAF technician's discovery, a comprehensive check of the other missiles revealed that a British key fitted one other USAF lock.

Labour move to abolish NIS

As a direct consequence of its economic policies the Government had seen a desolation of industry world. Mir Robert Sheldon, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab), said when the committee stage of the Finance Bill was resumed. He moved a new clause, considered with a similar Liberal-SDP new clause, to abolish the national insurance surcharge.

Police accept checks Motor cycle on computer records

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent The Merseyside police have mation gathered by officers

accepted a stringent set of data about criminals' activities. protection safeguards, to win the support of its Labourcontrolled county police committee for a project to computerize criminal records at an estimated cost of £3m.

Senior officers agreed to seven safeguards at a private meeting this week of the committee's computer panel. They strengthen a code of practice agreed last November when the authority approved a much smaller project involving the conversion of records, held on paper or microfilm, to computer data

The panel will recommend the full committee to invite tenders for the system, which will be limited to "criminal tions. According to Mr John George, the panel chairman, the police have dropped their original idea that the computer should also be used for "crime reporting", details of crimes for which no one has been convicted, and for "criminal intelligence" additional infor- year.

The second secon

Panel members felt that the latter could become a threat to civil liberties. The two most important

safeguards agreed this week are that people will be allowed access to their files, if they want to check the accuracy of their own criminal records, and that an independent outside observer will monitor the system.

However the agreement could be jeopardized if the Data Protection Bill now going through Parliament emerges in form that would make the Merseyside safeguards illegal. In that case the committee might abandon the project, Mr George said.

Leaving criminal intelligence records" - facts about convic- and crime reporting out of the computer is expected to save only £150,000 out of the cost. likely to be about £3m. that is because the main cost will be to integrate the new system with Merseyside's advanced command and control computer. which came into operation last

ace never took test

From Our Correspondent Derby

Ron Haslam, aged 26, the cycle racing star, was fined £130 by magistrates in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, yesterday, for riding a motor cycle without L-plates, insurance and a crash helmet.

Hasiam, of Milnbay Road, Langley Mill, Nottingham-shire, explained that as a track rider he was ranked as the world's number two but he had never bothered to take a motor cycle driving test. Mr John Hargreaves, for prosecution, said that Haslam

was stopped while riding a Suzuki 250 near his sister's home in Heanor, Derbyshire last September. Haslam's solicitor, Mr John Calladine said: "Mr Haslam is a professional motor cyclist of some skill and repute but he does not ride the motor cycles on the road and has never taken a motor cycle test". He added that Haslam had been doing his sister's boy

friend a favour by examining the Suzuki machine, which had a gearbox fault. He had

gone only 25 yards in first gear

and was about to return to the



Court lesson: Ron Haslam, the motor cycle champion after being fined yesterday.

house when he was stopped by the police. Haslam, who admitted the offences, also had his licence endorsed, had six penalty points awarded against him and was ordered to pay £7 costs. Afterwards he said: "It's not been my week. Last weekend I thought I was going to come second in the race at Monza but the bike

broke down on the last lap and now today I get fined for this. "I never felt the need to ride a bike on the roads. I get all my excitement from racing. I have a car licence and drive to

all the races so I'm glad I was not banned." He added: "I was stopped riding a Suzuki by the policeman - the team I ride for

The back-room workers

Activists prepare for battle

Local Government Correspondent

Mrs Wendy Talley is the tolerant empress of the semi-derelict house in Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, which the local Liberal Party recently took over for its headquarters. Upstairs an old oil painting of William Ewart Gladstone looks down on her large-scale map of the town, while downstairs a trestle table is laden with the bric-a-brac of electioneering: posters, rosettes and those garish orange tee-shirts beloved of Young Liberals.

Mrs Talley, aged 36, whose husband is a Liberal councillor, is paid as a part-time constituency agent, but she works all the time. For more than two months her life has been completely given over the the elections. The other day my telephone was broken. But there was no peace; people kept on knocking at the door," she said.

If the Liberal election machine wins control of the district council in Chelmsford on Thursday, much credit will be due to Mrs Talley. People like her exist in all the leading parties and in most areas.



The total number of municipal activists is small, but they perform a vital function. Without them election addresses and manifestos would not come through the letter box, candidates would not get their nomination papers signed and the foot-soldiers would not be roused to go out canvassing on damp, dark evenings.

What makes an activist? Mr John Vaughan Jones, an official at the Labour Party's Welsh idquarters in Cardiff, said: "If you don't enjoy meeting people you shouldn't be in politics. For some people it is the sheer enjoyment of fighting elections."

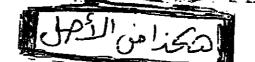
The type of people who

has changed, he suggested: "Traditionally in the Welsh valleys the burden was carried by the trade union activists who tended to be the same people a: those involved in the chapel: and the rugby clubs. Now, younger people are coming in committed to socialism and seeing in the local authority a natural place to express that commitment."

Friendliness is a necessary ingredient. Mr Anthony Garrett, the deputy agent for the Conservative Party's south-cast region, said. People actively involved are often working on behalf of people they know very well indeed; it's like working for

A Liberal candidate in Chelmsford said: "Sometimes you get tired and long for more time with the wife and family." Canvassing and political work during the election campaign takes up three hours a night, five nights a week, and the pace is telling.

"But once in a while you knock on a door and you find somebody who has benefited from one of our campaigns, or our casework. Then it all become active in local elections becomes worthwhile.





THE NEW VOLVO 760 GLE. ITS SHAPE

In a world where it's often difficult to tell one car from another, no-one can mistake the new Volvo 760 GLE

Its elegant profile is instantly recognisable.

Basically a wedge shape, it has a low bonnet, clearly sculptured edges and a steeply raked rear windscreen.

It is extremely aerodynamic giving a resistant co-efficient of just under 0.40.

(Equally important, it also gives three rear seat passengers the chance to sit up in comfort)

A few journalists were surprised by the car's unusual profile but no-one has questioned its efficiency.

Although a roomy 5-seater, 6-cylinder saloon, the new Volvo is surprisingly economical.

The automatic model gives you 25 mpg (at 75 mph) 32.1 mpg (at 36 mph) and 17.9 mpg (Urban).

Of course, this economy is not solely due to the car's styling.

The 760 GLE is some 88lbs lighter than Volvo's previous 6-cylinder saloon.

While the car's new automatic transmission is equipped with an overdrive that reduces the engines fuel consumption at speed, quite dramatically

A DRIVER'S CAR.

Economy, however, is rarely the main reason for buying a car of this class.

The Volvo 760 GLE has to meet the needs of the driver as well as the needs of society.

It does it triumphantly

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total predictability and neutral balance in fast curves, gentle understeer in the slower Ones." Autocar.

"The car showed excellent stability at all speeds." MOTOR TREND.

The Volvo 760 GLE is very much a driverscar

Top speed is 118 mph and 60 mph can be reached in just under 10 seconds, but it's the sheer driveability of the car that marks it out as special.

The long wheelbase and wide track give the car wonderful stability - even when buffeted by side winds, but the biggest contribution to the outstanding handling is made by the new rear suspen-

Volvo have introduced an entirely new constant track rear axle with a patented sub-frame.

This not only improves road holding but gives less vibration and lower noise levels.

Motor Trend summed it up this way:

"The new 760 saloons are capable of getting from Point A to Point B in a better than average hurry. With reassuring stability Traditional Volvo comfort. And a level of luxury that is new for this company"

Inside, the car is indeed extremely comfortable.

The new front seats have been developed in co-operation with orthopaedic experts at the Sahlgrenska Hospital in Gothenburg

Both are electrically heated. The seats automatically warm up at temperatures

You can choose leather or plush velour and the upholstery colour is repeated on the door panels and dashboard.

The dashboard itself is angled towards the driver so all the controls are within easy reach.

"Ergonomically the 760 GLE is excellent." AUTOCAR

It is also extremely well-equipped.

Full air conditioning, electric windows and door mirrors, central locking, metallic paint, tinted glass, power steering and alloy wheels are all standard.

You'll also find a host of extra little touches that make the 760 GLE a very satisfying car to live with.

For example, when you close the driver's door after getting in the car the courtesy light stays on for 15 seconds giving you time to put the key in the ignition.

There are no less than 10 different storage areas inside the car and there are reading lamps for both front and rear seats.

The boot, too, is especially accom-

And if the 760 GLE does well by your suitcases it does even better by your rear seat passengers.

Therear seat is unusually wide due to the absence of any wheel arches and the high roof line gives plenty of headroom.

THE TRADITIONAL VIRIUES. Underlying all this enjoyment, of course, is Volvo's traditional concern with

safety and reliability.

every international safety regulation.

For example, the USA authorities demand that a car must meet stringent frontal collision standards.

The Volvo 760 GLE easily exceeds these standards, being able to absorb an impact some 36% greater than the regulations require.

When a car maker goes to that kind of trouble when it doesn't have to, you know you're in safe hands.

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Nobody makes longer lasting cars than Volvo.

The latest statistics to come from the Swedish Motor Inspection Company show that the Volvo has an average life expectancy of 193 years.

Longer than any other car in the survey.

The 760 GLE more than matches the quality of past Volvos, it improves on it.

To help prevent rust approximately one-third of the Volvo's bodywork is Zincrometal or zinc-coated sheet metal. About 18 square metres in all.

HOW MUCH? WHERE CAN I SEE IT?

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If you'd like a colour brochure, ask your secretary to call us at the number below or send us your business card and we'll do the rest.

Better still, call in and see the car in the showroom.

You'll find, even standing still, it over-The new Volvo more than meets comes any resistance. **VOLVO**

President outlines four goals to provide long-term strategy

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

President Reagan's address to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night is likely to become known as "the Reagan doctrine on Central America".

In his speech Mr Reagan set out broad objectives which are likely to provide the basis of American policy towards the region for years to come. These are a commitment by the US to encourage the development of democracy in Central America; to help the countries of the against left-wing revolution and tyranny; to encourage economic development so as to eradicate poverty and other root causes for internal unrest; and to support dialogue and negotiation among and within the countries of the region.

In an attempt to alert American public opinion to the threat that unrest in Central America poses to the US, the President warned that the national security of all the Americas is at stake in Central America. If we cannot defend ourselves there, we cannot military and economic assist-expect to prevail elsewhere. Our ance programme to El Salvador credibility would collapse, our alliances would crumble, and the safety or our homeland would be put in jeopardy."

Although Mr Reagan's speech contained no new initiatives, it did include suggestions of compromise. He said the US would support any agreement reached by Central American countries for withdrawal of all foreign forces and appeared to leave the door open for diplomatic efforts that could

response to an appeal by

Broadcasts by a Nicaraguan

The broadcasts demanded

government representative said Mr Reagan's address to Con-

gress had slandered Nicaragua.

gressions planned by Mr Rea-

from neighbouring Honduras,

the closest American ally in the

Reagan speech, and the Government said it supported

fully Mr Reagan's opposition to

"totalitarian expansion" in the

CANCUN: President João

Figueiredo, of Brazil, visiting this Carribean resort in Mexico

for talks wih President Miguel

de la Madrid, rejected Mr

Reagan's position that Nicara-

gua threatens US security, AP

security, that's their problem",

without the support of Brazil.

United States was partly to

France lifts

clamp

on videos

From Diana Geddes

Paris France announced yesterday

that it had lifted its sixth-month-old restrictions on the

importation of video cassette

recorders, more than 90 per cent of which come from Japan,

but at the same time issued a

warning that further measures would be taken against Japanese

imports if France's foreign trade

with Japan of 12,000m francs

(£1,000m), up from 7,000m.

francs in the previous year. The

Government's decision last

October to "centralize" customs

clearance for video imports in a

single, out-of-the-way customs post at Poitiers, 200 miles

south-west of Paris, was intend-

ed as a symbolic warning to

Japan and a measure to aid the

Video cassette imports,

which had been flooding in at a

rate of nearly 3,000 a day, were

reduced to a trickle. In lifting

the restrictions, France has not

set any quota on imports, but it

is hoping that Japan will voluntarily limit them

Mme Edith Cresson, Minister

for Trade, said yesterday that

the Government would "not

hesitate to take other measures

of the same type" if the trade

deficit between the two coun-

French video industry.

with Japan did not improve. Last year France had a deficit

"If the United States thinks

and Reuter report.

region, including El Salvador.

Honduras welcomed

Armed street protest

called in Nicaragua



Senator Percy: Better chance of approval?

nounced - but did not name the appointment of a special envoy to Central America. The envoy is expected to be Mr Richard Stone, a former Florida senator, although some congressmen have expressed reservations about Mr Stone's previous connexions with the Government of Guatemala.

The immediate aim of the

address was to gain con-gressional approval for the and other countries in the region. This programme, amounting to \$600m for fiscal 1984, has been floundering around Capitol Hill for weeks because of congressional con-cern about the Administration's objectives - particularly its ate end to hostilities in both El military aid for El Salvador - Salvador and Nicaruagua and and the pervasive fear that the US could find itself embroiled in another Vietnam-style con-

President Reagan tried to allay these fears by pledging that no US combat troops would be

language which, while tough when referring to the left-wing Sandinista regime in Nicaragua. was relatively muted and

winning the bipartisan support for his policy which he repeatedly sought during his addre remains unclear. In the official democratic response broadcast immediately after his speech Senator Christopher Dodd de-scribed his plea for more military aid as a "formula for

Instead, Senator Dodd urged increased economic aid to relieve "the factors which breed revolution". He said the US should use its power and influence to achieve an immedi-Salvador and Nicaruagua and

settlements in the region.
Senator Edward Kennedy welcomed the decision to appoint a special presidential envoy, but feared that the President's overall policy was

Senator Charles Percy, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, felt, however, that the President had a better chance than before the speech of winning congressional approval for the \$110m in military aid to El Salvador Senator Robert Kasten, chair-

man of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, predicted that Mr Reagan would now be able to develop the bipartisan support he needs for his programme to be approved.

Several congressmen expressed concern at the President's failure to refer to the covert aid that the CIA is giving to anti-Sandista insurgents fighting against the Nicaraguan Government. His remarks about Nicaragua have been interpreted as meaning that this clandestine assistance will con-

reaction to the President's speech will place almost immediately when the House Intelligence Committee meets to consider a proposal to sever covert military aid to Nicara-guan rebels. The proposal instead proposes overt aid to friendly nations to help stem the flow of weapons to guerrillas

in El Salvador. Senor Miguel D'Escoto, Nicaragua's Foreign Minister, yester-day branded President Reagan a liar and predicted that Congress additional aid to fight left-wing forces in the region. Appearing on American television via satellite he declared: "We don't have any foreign troops at all."

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Assurance to Congress of no combat troops

form President Reagan's address on Central America to a joint session of congress on

For several years now, under two Administrations, the United States has been increasing its defence of freedom in the Caribbean basin. Democracy is beginning to take root in El Salvador which, until a short time ago, knew only dictatorship. The new Government is now

President's speech as lamen-Speaking on BBC radio's Today programme, Mr Healey said the President's speech would make a very dangerous

he told reporters, "and if they decide to intervene in Nicarasituation very much worse" By raising the stakes, Mr Reagan was bringing America a big step closer to direct gua, they'll be doing that "The region cannot be con-sidered only from the perspec-American involvement as it was in Vietnam. In the end, if America really believes what tive of ideological confrontation or by resorting to solutions of President Reagan says, It would have to put its own troops in The President said the and that would be a total

Managua (Reuter) - Nicara-gua's left-wing government has towards the Soviet block. If called for armed protest march- Nicaragua had received econes throughout the country in omic aid from rich countries, especially the United States.

president Reagan for more then it would n military aid for Central current situation.

America's anti-leftist govern-SAN SALVADOR: General Engenio Vides Casanova the Defence Minister, said the people and armed forces of Ei Salvador were grateful to President Reagan for his efforts shore up democracy in

then it would not be in the

that the people take to the streets "carrying your rifles, machetes, clubs and any other He said Mr Reagan's call weapon to show the ability of would "wake the consciousness the Nicaraguan people to defend themselves against agof the American people to the threat of communism

Central America. Reuter re-

MOSCOW: Tass accused Nicaraguan leaders said Mr Mr Reagan of smearing the Reagan's call was really aimed Nicaraguan Government and of at laying the groundwork for large-scale attacks on Nicaragua shifting blame for tension in Central America, Reuter and AFP reports.

"He alleged that the United States and the entire Western world faced a terrible danger as a result of the revolutionary development of the region.

■ LONDON: Mr Denis Healey the Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, accused Mr Reagan of "acting like a recruiting sergeant for commu-nism in the whole Caribbean area", the Press Association reports. He described the

the situation in Nicaragua represents a risk for their

delivering on its promises of democracy, reforms, and free

The people of El Salvador are earning their freedom and they deserve our moral and material

Nicaragua turned out to be just an exchange of one set of autocratic rulers for another, and the people still have no freedom, no democratic rights, and more proverty. Even worse than its predecessor, it is helping Cuba and the Soviets to

estabilize our hemisphere. But let us be clear as to the Government of Nicaragua. We do not seek its overthrow. Our interest is to insure that it does not infect its neighbours through the export of subversion and violence. Our purpose, in conformity with American and international law, is to prevent the flow of arms to El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Some people talk as though the United States were incapable of acting effectively in international affairs without risking war or

damaging those we seek to help.

Are democracies required to remain passive while threats to their security and prosperity accumalate?
Must we just accept the destabilization of an entire region from the Panama Canal to Mexico on our southern border?

southern border?
... Let me say to those who invoke the memory of Vietnam: there is no thought of sending American combat troops to Central America: they are not needed - indeed they have not been requested

. I offer these assurances: The United States will support any agreement among Central American countries for the with-drawal - under fully verifiable and

The following are extracts reciprocal conditions - of all foreign orm President Reagan's military and security advisers and

We want to help opposition groups join the political process in all countries and compete by ballots

We will support any verifiable reciprocal agreement among Central American constries on the renunci-ation of support for insurgencies on neighbours' territory.

And, finally, we desire to help
Central America end its costly arms

race, and will support any verifiable race, and will support any vermance, reciprocal agreements on the non-importation of offensive weapons.

To move us toward these goals more rapidly I am tonight amouncing my intention to name an ambassador at large as my special envoy to Central America, He or she will recent to the firming the second to will report to me through the Secretary of State. The ambassa-dor's responsibilities will be to lend US support to the efforts of regional governments to bring peace to this troubled area and to work closely with the Congress to assure the fullest possible bipartisan coordi-nation of our policies toward the

What I am asking for is prompt congressional approval for the full reprogramming of funds for key current economic and security current economic and security programmes so that the people of central America can hold the line against externally supported ag-

prompt action on the supplemental request in these same areas to carry us through the current fiscal year and for early and favourable congressional action on my requests for fiscal year 1984.

Finally, I an asking that the bipartisan consensus, which last year acted on the trade and tax provisions of the Caribbean basin initiative in the Hamiltonian initiative in the House, again take the lead to move this vital proposal the sean to move this vital proposal to the floor to both chambers.

In summation, I say to you that tonight there can be no question: The national security of all the Americas is at stake in Central America. If we cannot defend ourselves there, we cannot expect to prevail elsewhere. Our credibility would collapse, our alliances would crumble, and the safety of our

homeiand would be put at jeopardy.

We have a vital interest, a moral
duty, and a solemn responsibility.

Fatigue defeats farm ministers

suggested by the West German Tiredness, technical detail, presidency, which would have had the effect of closing the gap obstinacy and the threat of 3,000 angry French farmers between prices for farmers in between them put paid to attempts in Luxembourg weak currency and strong throughout Wednesday night to currency countries, it proved in agree on an EEC farm price the end impossible to overcome Italian resistance to the idea.

Night at the ballet: Princess Anne talking Earlier Princess Anne, on the sixth day of a

with Japan's Princess Chichibu before last Japanese tour with Captain Mark Phillips, night's performance in Tokyo by Britain's inaugurated Austin Rover Japan, the car Royal Ballet. On her left is Prince Hiro, the company's new marketing operation, at a son of Japan's Crown Prince Akihito. ceremony in Tokyo.

package for the year ahead. After 17 hours of discussion the 10 ministers just could not find the political and physical will to go on ploughing through remaining detail.

At 9 am yesterday they gave up and adjourned the argument until May 16. Then they climbed wearily into their cars and drove off through barricades the Luxembourg police were already erecting to protect the area from the coachloads of French farmers known to be converging on Luxembourg. The marathon session had Danish minister was resisting

reaching agreement on the main argument over the levels of farmers.
"green rates" which adjust farm This prices by taking account of

This was the first marathon session for M Rocard, and he

policy was in danger of collaps-ing under the weight of its own contradictions, he said. It just could not compete against the commune system of the Eastern block on the one hand and the intensive american system on the other.

Britain, too, lodged a protest M Rocardis, of all the ministers, under the most intensive domestic pressure to been unfair because it did not treat all farmers equally. Mr Peter Walker, the British Agrireach a settlement. Farmers all over France have begun a culture Minister, wanted assurcampaign of disruptive demonstrations in protest at the delay in fixing the price package, which ought in theory to be ance that the suggested green rate manipulation would not push the price of the settlement agreed by April 1 each year. above the 4.2 per cent average.

There was no doubt on the part of the Luxembourg authorities that the demonstrators on their way to the meeting were prepared to do more than mount a peaceful lobby. Offigiven an extra rise to French pig meeting were given special mans to bein them find their way past the road blocks being erected round the Council

differences in currencies:

But despite a skilful manipulusioned with proceedings.

The rules being The common agricuctural

ing "the ideals of brotherhood and humanity." His film on the life of the Indian statesman also won three nominations for Italian academy awards in July.

meeting place and troops were being mobilized to mount guard.

8,000 medical students march on Paris

which has already been fixed.

M Michel Rocard, the French

minister, blamed not only Italy

but Denmark for the break-

down. This was because the

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

Thousands of students mar- kept their distance. ched through the streets of Paris yesterday, but without the violent incidents of Wednesday, when police fired tear gas and water cannon on right-wing law students. More demonstrations by the students have been called

for today. The main demonstration yesterday was by 8,000 medical students who have been on strike since February 14 in protest against proposed study reforms. They kept order with their own policing system, complete with radio control patrols, while the riot police

5,000 left-wing students, mainly from arts and social science Farmer faculties, was also policed by fellow students. Similar demon-

strations, in protest against the Government's plans to introduce a selective examination at the end of the second year in university, were held at Caen, Angers and Dijon. M Max Gallo, a government

spokesman, said that the police had been given orders to protect the functioning of state institutions. The National Assembly was suspended for a few day morning.

minutes on Wednesday as A demonstration by about students clashed with the police

Farmers continued their protests throughout France yesterday, blocking motorways and customs posts and seizing lorries carrying imported agricultural produce. Thousands of tons of butter, pork, ham, strawberries, vegetables and flowers were dumped on the

roads and destroyed.
At Lannion, Brittany, police fired tear gas and water cannon as about a 100 farmers, attacked the police station early yester-

Ecuador

landslide

buries 100

Quito (Reuter) - More than 100 people were feared killed when an avalanche of mud and

rocks buried lorries and buses on a highway in southern

In a report from the scene of the disaster in Chimborazo

province, 180 miles south of Quito, a government spokes-man said it was perhaps the

worst such catastrophe in Ecuador. President Osvaldo Hurtado said he would super-

vise rescue operations by police,

troops, firemen and civil de-

Ecuadoreans overwhelmed with

The Interior Ministry re

ported earlier that 12 bodies had been recovered from the

scene of the landslide, which blocked about 500 yards of the main highway between Quito and Cuenca, the country's third

Christmas tree

Moscow (Reuter) - A Soviet airport official has been jailed for 12 years for helping to smuggle cultural treasures from

the Soviet Uniton in return for

The trade union daily Truck

said the official used flight staff

of the state airline Aeroflot to

smuggle abroad precious hand-

woven carpets, silverware and other valuables in return for

cash, cognac, chocolates and even a Christmas tree.

Delhi deadline

Delhi (Reuter) - The Indian

Government gave Sikh religious

authorities one week to hand

over a murder suspect believed

to be sheltering in the holiest Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple

at Amritsar in Punjab state. A

police deputy inspector-general was killed outside the temple entrance on Monday.

Fontana, California (AP)

When Fontana High School

panned shorts, some 60 male

students protested by coming to school in dresses and mini-skirts. A student spokesman

said the ban was unfair because

"the girls can be comfortable in

mini-skirts when it's warm, but

'Ghandi' award

Rome (AP)-Sir Richard At-

tenborough, the director of Ghandi, won the "European

David" prize here for promot-

Rugby 'crusade'

Boys in skirts

used as bribe

The size of the tragedy

has the Government and all

fence personnel.

pain", he said.

M Albert Ferrasse, president who says he plans a trip to South Africa soon to seek a meeting with Mr P W Botha, the Prime Minister, to speak out against apartheid. He amounced his "personal cru-sade" after meeting President Mitterand whose objection stopped a planned French ragby

Friends again

Los Angeles (Reuter) - Karen Eklund, a model, said here that she has dropped a £3m "Pali-r mony" action against theh filmactor, Nick Nolte. "This has made me one of the happies women in the world," she said. adding that they had been

Two executed

Vienna (Reuter) - Two men. have been executed in Czechosh lovakia for murder, the Comid munist Party daily Rude Pravio reported. They were found guilty of killing the cashier of Prague company during

Famine relief

Geneva - Three planeloads of dried whole-milk arrived in Ethiopia as part of emergency aid for children and mothers in the drought-stricken provinces of Gonder, Wallo and spokesman for the World Food Programme said here.

£8,000 ache

Manila (AP) - A cous ordered two surgeons to pay about £8,000 in damages for leaving a 5in pair of forceps in a patient's stomach for over two years. The man had complained of stomach ache.

Youth and age

Washington (AP)-President Reagan laughed off a comment by Mr Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives that the President was too old at 72 to seek another term. "It's just a youthful mistake on his part," he said. Mr O'Neill is 70.



Nato has 'only half the warships' it needs

Nato's two leading naval commanders complained yesterday of being up to 50 per cent short of the warships they need in the Atlantic and English

Channel A long-standing need for more frigates and destroyers has been sharpened by the preoccupation of some member countries with out-of-area operations like that around the Falklands according to Admiral Wesley McDonald, Supreme Allied

Commander Atlantic. But he and Admiral Sir William Staveley of the Royal Navy who is Nato's Com-

Atlantic and Channel, also pointed to "a terrrible shortage" of mine warfare vessels, with only three coastal minesweepers available to patrol the US coast.

The two men briefed Nato representatives, including Ambassador Eric da Rin, the Italian deputy secretary-general of the alliance, at Admiral Staveley's underground command post at Northwood, Middlesex, which was also operational headquarters for

have been commissioning civi-

last year's Falklands War. Both Britain and America

mander-in-Chief in the Eastern lian vessels like trawlers and helicopters, to the South Atlanpleasure craft to complement tic last year had the Falklands new high-technology mine counter-measures vessels now

coming into service. Both admirals are urging member countries to raise their force levels after analysing the requirements to be met in the North Atlantic

Admiral McDonald identified the submarine fleet as the most dire threat" facing the alliance. Britain, he disclosed, had been preparing to take the Arapaho, an American experimental container ship converted to carry anti-submarine

fighting continued.

At a press conference held after their classified briefing of the representatives, he spoke of being short of about 60 escort vessels of one kind or another in the Atlantic.

America was trying to raise its own force level by building up a 600-ship navy, against strong competition for funds in Congress. But the recent fleet of more than 400 hulls had to be compared with the 975 in service in the late 1960s, he

Watered-down jobs pact given MEPs' approval From Our Own Correspondent Brussels

The European Parliament for a modest reflation by esterday voted through a much countries with stronger econwatered down "employment omies, and turned down his pact" for the Community which suggestion that national govern-calls for a more concerted ments should commit at least 1 European action and great per cent of their gross national cooperation between member product to joint investment

states to settle the unemploy- projects. ment problem. It was the first session to be held in Brussels and attracted the highest-ever attendance of

The big turnout of 364 of the 434 members underlined Parliament's concern about the subject. But the resolution they agreed after two days of debate were immediately condemned by Mr George Debunry, general-secretary of the 30 millionstrong European Trade Union confederation, as being inadequate.

The resolution, he said, did not give sufficient warning to the Council of Ministers and the Commission that they should do something to tackle the problem. He did not believe the proposals themselves contained anything which could help

improve the situation. The centre-right majority within the Parliament votes down all references in the final resolution to the idea of increasing public spending to

create jobs,
The main resolution was based on the report drawn up by Mr Estratios Papaeistration of the Greek People's Party. But the Parliament rejected his call

The main overall demand agreed was for a doubling of the Community's social regional funds, which are the main weapons in the hands of the Commission for launching projects to create jobs.

Nobody claimed that this package of resolutions was in any way a miracle cure for unemployment, and the Socialists and French communist groups were so annoyed at what they felt was the weakness of the main resolution was that they

voted against it. Sir Fred Catherwood, Conservative MEP for Cambridge, said afterwards that the most important contribution which the community could make towards solving the unemployment problem was to build a stable currency.

He would be pressing the British Government to help by becoming full members of the European Monetary System.

● Lead-free zone: A motion calling on the European Commission to rush through proposals which would make the EEC a "lead-free petrol zone" will be placed before the

Parliament in June.



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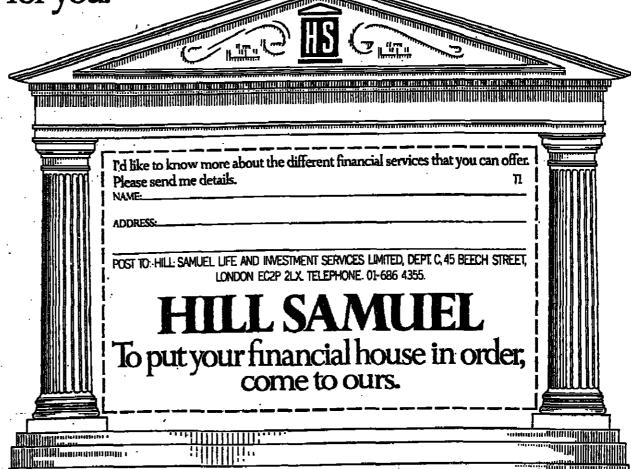
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The Spanish Supreme Court vesterday upheld the maximum sentences of 30 years imprisonment on two senior Army officers for their role in the attempted coup of February. 1981, and raised the sentence of a third officer. General Alfonso Armada, from six to the maximum 30 years.

The authorities had appealed to the Supreme Court against sentences handed down last June by a military court martial on 33 people involved in the

The Supreme Court increased the sentences in 21 of the 33 cases brought before it, only one of which concerned a civilian. It also quashed the acquittals of all eight parliamentary civil guard lieutenants who helped to storm Parliament, dismissing the military judges' findings of due obedience to superior orders as contrary to military

Senor Juan Garcia, the only civilian was found guilty of conspiring in a military re-bellion and had his two-year sentence confirmed.

Five more senior officers, headed by General Luis Torres. had the court martial findings matters and an army general changed from conspiracy to active participation in military rebellion. General Torres was accepted the arguments of the given 12 years instead of six, prosecution that General Armaand Colonel Jose San Martin received 10 years instead of Juan Carlos) was jointly respon-

Seven of the eight Civil



Above: Generals Armada (left) and del Bosch, 30 years guilty, they will do their prison each. Below: Colonel Tejero (left). 30 years, and General



The Supreme Court agreed with the prosecution argument that his manhandling in Parliament of the then deputy prime minister in charge of defence

could not go unpunished.

So the seven civilian judges di (at one time secretary to King of the day. sible for the rebellion with Lieutenant-General Jaime Guard lieutenants received one Milans del Bosch, the former year prison sentences. The Valencia Captain-General and

Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Justice, the body which formed Tejero, who led the civil guards last year's court martial. in storming Parliament, whose, 30-year sentences were con-firmed yesterday.

General Milans, aged 68 and head of a military family over generations with great prestige in extreme right-wing military and civilian circles, General Armada, aged 63, and Colonel rejero will be dismissed the service Like all those found terms in military establish-

The trial itself could not under the law be held before the civilian courts in the initial stages, and the officers cannot be sent to civilian jails because the code of military justice has vet been reformed by

The findings, coming just over two years and two months after Parliament and the full Cabinet were held hostage for 18 hours, were pronounced by eighth. lieutenant Vicente Prime Minister. as "extra-ramos, was given two years." Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister. as "extra-ordinarily clear and absolutely respectable". He said the court's message was that no one could rebel against the constitutional order with impunity.

> lined the leniency of the military tribunal last June and amply justified the appeal filed immediately afterwards by the Centre Democrat Government

Certainly the findings under-

However, they were scribed as "very hard" by Lieutenant-General Nanual Esquivias, president of the Supreme Council of Military deemed infringed.

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Though promising to accept the findings, General Esquivias said the civilian court appeared to have applied maximum sentences "where we awarded the minimum ones". The military council is to review the findings next week.

The Supreme Court left open an appeal to the Government to commute the maximum sentences, as the council of military justice recommended last year.

Its 240-page finding, which was broadcast live by Spanish radio. rejected the procedural complaints of the defence. The plotters' use of terrorism and the doctrine of acting out of necessity, could not justify attacking Parliament or the constitutional set-up, the judges

The Supreme Court gave a five-day period to those found guilty to file elemency petitions to the Government. No decision has yet been taken by the military authorities where to send those found guilty, but some castles in the military's charge have been recently refurbished.

The Civil Guard officers,

however, have already served their prison terms awaiting trial. Defence counsel said that they are to appeal to Spain's constitutional court which. while not an appeal court against yesterday's findings, does have jurisdiction if a citizen's fundamental rights are



Twin's gift of a baby

Magali Crozel (left), aged 31, smiling at her twin sister, Christine, in Montpelier last November, as they awaited the birth of Magoli's child. On Wednesday in Nimes, Magali, who is sterile, had a son produced by Christine, whohad been artificially inseminated by Magali's husband, Diana Geddes

Magali, who suffered

cravings of her sister during the pregnancy, was present throughout the birth of Stephane. She said she had no problems feeling that he was her own child.

As the twins were produced from a single egg and have identical genes, Stephane will have the same genetic make-up as if he had been produced by Magali.

Insults and | Greece fails punches to check traded at rising tide Botha rally of strikes

From Michael Horasby Johannesburg Punches and insults were

traded at a rally addressed by Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, in Pretoria on Wednesday night. reflecting the increasing bitterness of the political campaigning in the run-up to four crucial by elections in the Transvaal on May 10.

Tension at the rally attended by about 1,500 people - mounted as Mr Botha was repeatedly beckled by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), or Afrikaner Resistance Movement, an ultra-racist and undisgnisedly fascist organization with a swastikalike emblem and black shirt youth wings.

Supporters of Mr Botha's ruling National Party pulled one heckler roughly to the ground as he tried to question

the Prime Minister.
Mr Botha called one of his tormentors and orang-utan and referred to others as "white barbarians". He said he would asking Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, 10 conduct an immediate investi-gation into the AWB, adding-We cannot allow these people to spread disorder".

The meeting was held in the well-to-do Waterkloof suburb of Pretoria where, the main chal-lenge to the Government on May 10 will come from the liberal and staunchly anti-apart-heid Progressive Federal Party.

The four by-elections, three of them to parliamentary seats and one to a Provincial Council seat, are seen as a crucial test of right-wing opposition to the Government's modest constitutional reforms, which would give a strictly qualified fran-chise to the mixed-blood and. Indian

Mr Botha has announced that the Draft Constitution Amend-Parliament early next week. It was originally supposed to have been presented before the Easter Recess, and the delay led

Easter Recess, and the delay led to charges that the Government was afraid to disclose details before the by-elections.

After the meeting Mr Botha called on the breakaway Conservative Party to tell South Africa that it had severed all links with the AWR.

The AWB, founded in the carly 1970s, has links with the pro-Nazi organization which controlled General Confederopposed South Africa's entry into the Second World War. and to which Mr Botha himself

warning that they would be mobilized and forced back to The crews of 1.700 Athens The crews of 1.700 Athens public buses are staging wildcat strikes during peak maffic hours, demanding higher pay. They have been joined by the capital's 15.000 taxi drivers who are unhappy about taxes. Tourist coaches were brought in to relieve the ensuring chaos, but confusion grew as the state television broadcast misleading

From Mario Modiano

The Greek Governments

resourceful efforts to check the

resonate the of Labour warest have apparently yielded no results, despite the invocation

of external threats to the nation

methodical attempts to divide

the strikers, and even a veiled

reports that the bus strike was Private school teachers have been on strike for three weeks pressing for greater job protection, while hospital doctors began a two-day stoppage yesterday because the Government is holding up a new health Bill which grants them higher

salaries. The Government has reacted against this unrest with a sledgehammer, probably because these are sensitive areas where strikes provoke ani-government feelings. The inner Cabinet met and decided to mobilize bus crews, after first giving them a chance to recant.

The ruling Pasok party's executive under Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, put out a stern statement.
"Just as the government of change is fighting the battle for national independence and the protection of Hellenism, one is astounded by this sudden eruption of strikes".

A few hours later, as the Government released telegrams from trade unions promising to stage no strikes while national independence was at stake, a big diplomatic row erupted with the United States about the future of the American bases in Greece and American military aid to Greece and Turkey.

More and more Greeks now suspect that the US-Greek crisis was attrificial, the more so since the Government openly encouration of Greek Workers.

At the root of the current uneasiness is the wage freeze for 1983 which the Government Election background, page 12 | seems' determined to enforce.

Soares weighs chances of forming coalition

From Susan MacDonald, Lisbon

or Porti vesterday had his first meeting with Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader, after his qualified victory in Monday's general election.

Dr Soares said afterwards that he had expressed concern over the country's economic situation and the need for a national consensus to resolve the crisis.

As the election results did not give the Socialist Party an overall majority and Dr Soares has stated that he will not form a minority government, he has taken a first step of sending out about 60,000 circulars asking his party members whether they prefer a coalition with the right-wing Christian Democrats, the centre Social Democrats or the Moscow-orientated Communist

Answers must arrive at party headquarters by next Thursday

political council meeting on the following Saturday will coalition negotiations begin

However, the Socialists have ready turned down a Communist Party offer to hold talks on forming a left-wing coalition saying that the offer surprises them after the anti-Socialist campaign mounted by the Communists before the election. Since 1976. Dr Soares has consistently spoken out against having the Communists in the

The most obvious coalition partners would be the Social Democrats, but internal squabbling makes it unclear whether

they will agree to help Dr Soares would also like the Bank of Portugal to outline the state of the economy and plans to hold talks with unions and management in the hope of agreeming future strategy.

Sakharov may take Vienna job

Moscow (Reuter) - Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet nuclear physicist, may have changed his mind about not emigrating to the West and may take up a university post offered to him in Vienna, diplomatic sources in Moscow

said yesterday. They said that the attitude of the Soviet authorities was not yet known but there had been indications in the past that he would be granted an exit visa if he asked of one.

The sources were comment-University had offered the Nobel Prize laureate a visiting professorship.

Professor Peter Weinzierl, the head of the university's Institute for Experimental Physics was quoted as saying that he believed there was a great possibility that the Soviet authorities would allow Mr Sakharov to leave.

One diplomat here said: "In the past there never appeared to be any problems about visas, it was simply that Sakharov did not want to go. There is strong evidence he may have changed his mind'

Dr Sakharov was sent into internal exile in the city of Gorkiy in January, 1980, Since then his wife. Mrs Yelena Bonner, has travelled regularly to Moscow and re-ported that her husband was finding it difficult to continue his work as a physicist because Polish border he was cut off from information began at once.

Mafia stops Mass by archbishop

From Peter Nichols

Cardinal Pappalardo, Archbishop of Palermo, was pre-vented by the Mafia fromsaying Mass in the city's prison, it was learnt in Rome yesterday.

The Cardinal is an outspoken opponent of the Mafia and is credited with much of the responsibility for the Pope's strong condemnation during the Papal visit to Sicily last autumn

On Saturday the Cardinal went to say Mass at Ucciardone prison, notoriously controlled by members of the Mafia held there. Even ministerial officials admit that this is the reason why it is one of the quiest of Italy's prisons, even though it is in a city suffering from increasing crime.

The Mafia's word within the prison is law, even if the law itself has difficulty being heard.

On Saturday all the prisoners refused to go to Mass, no doubt under pressure from the Mafia elements. So the Cardinal had to leave, very sorrowfully, according to close associates,

Miners trapped

Prague (AP) - Eleven miners were trapped underground in a cave-in at a coal mine in northern Moravia near the Polish border. Rescue work

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Muldoon uses royal tour for own ends

New Zealand Prime Minister, up everywhere like a bad was yesterday again using the penny", one official said. "It is royal tour as an exercise in gathering support for his ailing

Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in New Zealand nearly two weeks ago. Muldoon's actions have caused annoyance and embarrassment to royal

Day after day the squat figure of Mr Muldoon had the wake of the Prince and Princess, being seen promi-nently at functions no other national leader would dream of attending

Mr Muldoon prefers royal walkabouts, He shakes hands with the crowd waiting to see the royal couple, chats, cracks

jokes in the manner of a local MP visiting a village fete. In Christchurch yesterday, icy rain did not deter the Prime Minister from continuing with what many observers have called blatant politicizing. Nor did Mr. Muldoon mind using the occasion to give a couple of terday the Prince and Princess radio interviews.

CHRISTCHURCH: Yesterday the Prince and Princess of Wales walked about in the

Standing in the street between the crowds he talked to the BBC - there might be a few New Zealand voters in Britain and to a local radio station. The tour officials will not publicly admit tha Mr Muldoon has

Mr Robert Muldoon, the is an embarrassment. "He turns thering support for his ailing country do you get this. A prime ational Party.

He has been doing it since the occasions and certainly not on walkabouts. They are for the royal visitors and the public not for politicians.

The reason for Mr Muldon's search for ever possible vote is the slipping popularity of his government and the fact that next year is election year. In a public opinion poll released yesterday Mr. Muldoon's National Party received 31.3 per cent support.

The Labour Party, under its new leader, Mr David Lange, was elate about its support, which stood at 52.4 per cent. The small Social Credit Party received 8.3 per cent.

Mr Muldoon's persnal popu larity has slipped from 38.9 per cent in a February poll to 34.8 per cent yesterday. Mr Lange scored 30.3 per cent.

rain yet again, in the heart of Christchurch, before going on to the Air Force base at Wigam to watch a flying display, Grania Forbes of the Press Association reports. Pince Charles wore his uniform of Air Commodore in been anything but the ideal Chief of the New Zealand Air host. But privately they say he Force.



Mini-hitack fails: Gene Kartz, of White Plains, New York, is searched on the ground by a policeman at Albany airport after trying to hijack the diminutive commuter aircraft to Portland, Maine.

Police called in as 29th heart drug baby dies

Toronto police are investigating the death of a baby whose body has been found to contain excessive levels of the powerful

heart drug Digorin.

The death on Saturday of seven-month-old Gary Murphy, of Kitchener, Ontario, is the latest of 29 infant deaths at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children linked to possible overdoses of the drug.

Only the day before Mr Roy McMurtry, the Ontario Attorney-General, announced a public inquiry into the deaths of the other 28 babies, which occurred between July, 1980, and March, 1981. All the deaths have occurred in the hospital's

At least seven are believed to have been caused by deliberate overdoses of Digoxin.

Nurse Susan Nelles, was discharged on four charges of first-degree murder after a preliminary hearing last May. The judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence to send the

But he said there was no doubt that at least some of the infants had been murdered. Miss Nelles has been on paid

leave from the hospital since being discharged. The most recent deaths occurred despite a new drug distribution system at the hospital which allows only single doses of drugs such as Digoxin to be administered.

A coroner decided to call in the police after a post-mortem examination revealed levels of Digoxin

fires ravaging Japan

Tokyo (Reuter) - nearly 15,000 firemen, troops and police using helicopters yesterday fought forest fires in northern Japan which have destroyed about 60 houses and made 240 people homeless.

The fires, which broke out in dry weather and were fanned by high winds on Wednesday, were yesterday still burning in five areas of northern Honshu, Japan's main island.

Six people were injured and 240 made homeless, mainly in the Pacific coast city of Kuji in Iware prefecture, and in districts near Sendai city in Miyagi prefecture.

On Wednesday night, about 1,000 people were evacuated from Kuji and a town nearby when the wind drove the flames close to their homes.

About two dozen fires broke

out in mountainous northern Honshu on Wednesday. One began as a controlled burning-off operation by woodmen, but sudden high winds turned it

● YOKOHAMA: Seaborne traffic in Yokohama port, one of the world's busiest was halted for more that two hours yesterday after a tanker collision caused highly inflammable naphtha to leak into the water,

Traffic in Yokohama port resumed after most of the leaked naphtha had vaporized, it said. The chemical tanker was carrying 1,276 kilolitres of naphtha.

Reuter reports.

15,000 fight | Police save Valencia leader from lvnch mob

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Hundreds of policemen took ... part in the rescue of the battered 🤼 and bruised Senor Joan Lerma, the Chief Minister of the Valencia Region's home-rule s government, from a lynchminded mob that surrounded a ... cinema where the Socialist politician was to have delivered

a campaign speech. According to reports reaching there yesterday. Senor Lerma is was insulted on Wednesday ". night by a crowd estimated by the police at between 6,000 and 4: 7.000, outside the cinema in the --steel town of Sagunto, near "Valencia. It is here that the Government plans to close down part of the money-losing, state-owned Altos Hornos del

Mediterraneo mill. The incident was the most its serious so far since the campaign began for nationwide. 22 municipal elections and some regional elections to be held on Sunday week.

As the crowd moved in and attacked Senor Lerma, his bodyguards and the policemen on duty surrounded him and "

moved into the relative safety of the cinema. Two shots were reported to have been fired in the scuffle

but no one was hurl Members of the Socialist Youth Movement blamed the violence on the Communist Workers' Commissions, Communist Party and the Conservative Popular Alliance.

Clash of ideologies

Warsaw's liberals take on hardliners

A party meeting, writes the Soviet satirist Vladimir Voinovich, is an arrangement where-by a large number of people gather together, some to say what they really do not think, some not to say what they really

And such we can safely predict, will be the course of affairs at the long-awaited plenary session of Poland's Communist Party Central Committee, due to begin in the next few weeks.

The real battle is being fought now, in the factories and the press with a remarkable venom. The subject of the session is ideology, that is, the continued relevance of Mar-xism-Leninism to the problems facing Poland. Not, one might. think, a subject that need detain anybody for very long.

it is possible, indeed customary, to reduce the protagonists in this conflict to those Marxists committed to more or less radical economic reform accompanied by much milder political adjustments (liberals), and those dogmatic Marxists whose suspicion of change overrides even their disapproval of the status quo

(hardliners). The reason that this conflict has more than theatrical quality is the choice of weapons, with the hardliners building up support by preying on the fears of workers who have seen their standard of living collapse in

The Government, with the support of the liberals, is trying to introduce an economic reform which decentralizes some parts of the economy, giving management more initiative and workers more say management more in production. But at the same time it is trying to pull the country out of crisis.

These are two separate processes, but in the imagin-ation of many workers they have fused into one. Reform is. being identified with unrewarded sacrifice.

The dogmatic Marxists have scented the discontent, voiced this unusually sharp in-fighting loudly enough at a recent will lead to adjustments loudly enough at a recent meeting between 2,000 workers and General Jaruzelski, and are representing themselves as the true standard-bearers of the working class. This may sincerely meant but it is, say the liberals, undermining popular. The hardliners argue, in the confidence in reform in the very jargon of child psychology, that they are misunderstood; they

from three different directions.

opposition in Poland - that is, the Solidarity underground was largely intellectual and should be dealt with accordingly. The Government should be trying to win the support of the populace and thus isolate the intellectuals, rather than hit them over the head, a policy much favoured by the hard-liners, or the ideological liners, or the "ideologica gendarmerie" as he calls them.

US broadcasts 'slanderous'

Warsaw (NYT, AFP) - The Polish Government told the US yesterday that American were aggressive and slanderpublic by the PAP news agency, said Polish-language broadcasts by the Voice of America and by Radio Free

The Polish Foreign Ministry has also closed the American library in Warsaw for showing films and tele-vision programmes defaming the Polish Government.

The second line comes from Mr Ludvik Krasucki, an editor of the ideological journal Nowe Drogi. Writing in the weekly Polityka, he makes clear that he considers the hardliners and their "populist demagogy" as more of a threat to the policies of General Jaruzeiski than those who quietly sympathize with Solidarity.

The third, more scholarly,

line of attack comes from M Władysław Markiewicz, a noted professor of sociology, who in a recent interview indicated that the sectional loyalty of the hardliners, above all to the party bureaucrats most threatened by reform, bad blinded them to the reality that Socialism can be creatively reformed.

It remains to be seen whether

Most liberals argue that General Jaruzelski is firmly in the saddle and can ride out a bout of criticism, although they

The liberals have hit back are not pushing to take over power, or sabotage policies. Colonel Stanislaw Kwiatkowski. They simply believe that more who heads the Government's rather than less Socialism is new public opinion research what will solve Poland's centre, wrote recently that the internal problems.

Swedes launch protest over Baltic crackdown

Sweden yesterday launched a . Sweden also announced yesfresh protest against the Soviet terday that it would not be Union, this time over a attending the May Day parade crackdown by the authorities in in Moscow's Red Square. There the Baltic republics of Estonia, was jubilation among MPs over the Baltic republics of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

journalists in Stockholm, the submarine violations Bodstrom, referred to a recent be part of a drive by Mr Olof wave of arrests in the Baltic Palme's Social Democratic States and said Sweden was Government to counter allegences of the said Sweden was Government to counter allegences of the said Sweden was Government to counter allegences of the said Sweden was Government to counter allegences of the said Sweden was Government to counter allegences of the said Sweden was Government to counter allegences of the said Sweden was Government to counter the said Sweden was Government t Foreign Minister, Mr Lennart prepared to raise the matter gations in Western diplomatic before the United Nations circles that Sweden is soft on

Coming immediately after the recall of the Swedish Ambassador from Moscow and too far east. the public denouncement of Soviet submarine incursions reports have been received into Swedish waters, the state-ment has done nothing to general intensification of conimprove deteriorating Swedish-Soviet relations.

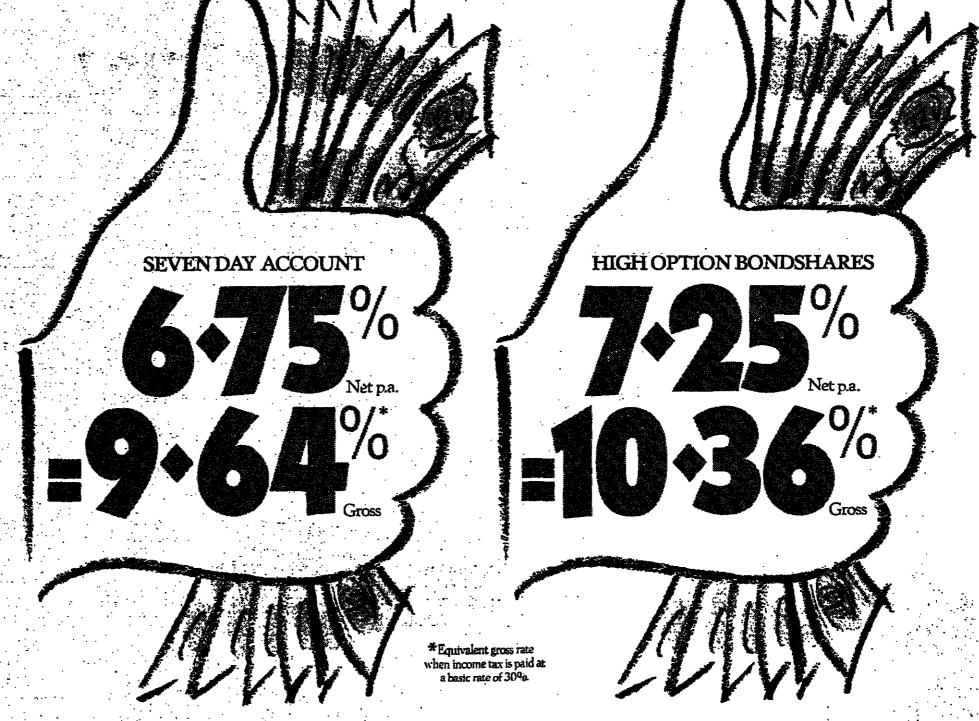
the cancellation of a visit to In a toughly-worded state- Moscow by Danish Social ment sent to all foreign Democrats in protest at Soviet

These developments seem to Commission for Human Rights, communist abuse of power and that the country's traditional policy of armed neutrality leans

Mr Bodstrom said several

rols in the Baltic states.

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Snooker changed when it was plucked from the clubs and reset on the living-room television. Now it faces new pressures. As the world championship reaches a climax, fortunes are at stake

Lords of the baize battlefield

By Neil Lyndon

thousand serious." "Don't you?"

His silk tie, too new to make a tight knot, is a thirty-note touch. He recently sold his business. "I got greedy. I couldn't resist." The buyers paid him millions. He owned 16 snooker halls in Romford and the eastern outskirts of London. He was in it for the property of the superstance of the country will continue. "Women," he says. "Women. They're it for ten years, but "it's a very physical business, the halls." Now Barry Hearn is managing the affairs of Steve Davis, Tony Meo and Terry Griffiths because "it's fun", he says, because "we have a fabulous time" and because "they're going to gross a million quid this year. That's fabulous, isn't it?"

As the comet snooker accelerates into a measureless stratosphere of riches, many of its desperate hangerson are unhappy about the speeding changes they witness, and they pine for the vanished innocence in which they were more comfortable. Middle-aged men in shabby suits could often be overheard in Sheffield last week, backstage at the Crucible, condoling with each other and saying, "All the pleasure's gone, hasn't it? It's all so serious now. There's too much money involved." It is a familiar lament, which also rises from the sad amateurs who can no longer control, with unquestioned authority, the purse-strings of golf, tennis, cricket and

Barry Hearn is sitting very comfortably on the comet, as much a pilot as a passenger, personifying snooker's new order. Managing Steve Davis's earnings, he has recently bought land in Scotland and buildings in Bond Street. "You're talking about major investraents there. I think it's pathetic when a top sportsman says it's the height of his ambition to own a pub." Much of the income of Hearn's players derives from special appearances and commercial endorsements: clothing and "male perfumes" are about to appear, bearing their names. "We don't do the clubs be seen smoking." Red herring.

The manager can play the game. "Not much any more. They can't afford us. like these guys. I mean, I'm not very The game's had about as much good. Except when I play for money. exposure in this country as it can take. Then I'm very hard to beat. For bets, We're interested in developments you know, in billiard halls. I love overseas now. We went to Bangkok at."

"Is the betting serious?"

"Depends if you call three or four ousand serious."

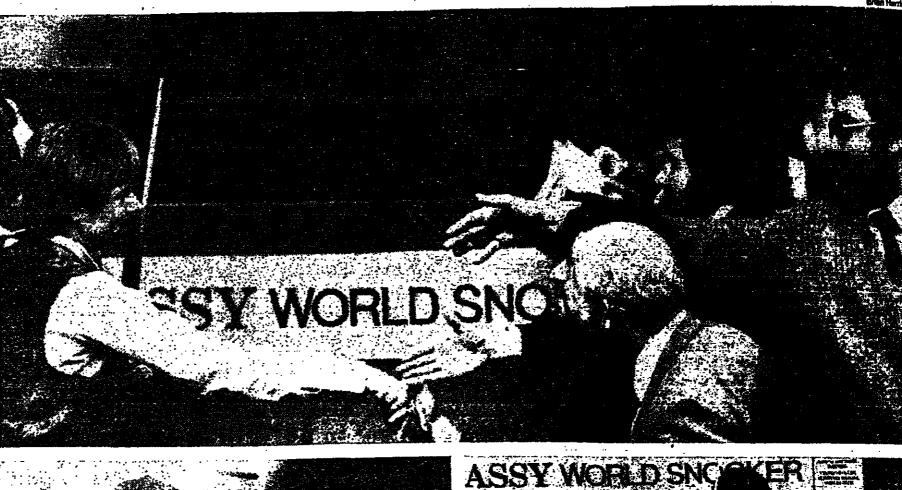
"Don't you?"

with Steve Davis and they went mad there. Mad. There was 40 foot high posters of Davis all over Bangkok. It was like being in Romford High "Don't you?"

The manager is enjoying himself no The manager is very prosperous. In end. "Always have. I love it. I know it drizzly Sheffield, his fair face is ruddy sounds like All Our Yesterdays, but it clubs. I had to bet. It was the only way we could cover our expenses. Now he's

Lhe sponsor is contented; the old hand is less happy

more than adequate return is accruing him." to Embassy cigarettes for its outlay on the snooker world championship. This year, Embassy are putting up £135,000 in prize money and a further unspeci-fied amount for the organisation of the tournament (some part of which will Higgins is a thin spring wired to be accounted for by a press room highest tension. He starts and quivers lavishly supplied with free food and at any noise in the auditorium. Knots drink and telephones, dished out by handsome women all dressed in cigarette packet colours). Whiting hectically denies that Embassy's cause is helped by the players' furious smoking. "Red herring," he says. "We also sponsor events like rugby league and opera where the participants can't and opera where the participants can't





with costly tan. His suit is richly heavy and hangs smooth to the millimetre. His silk tie, too new to make a tight to the force of the harricane sounds and for Steve Davis to play in the sounds are the force of the harricane.

Sounds are All Our resteracys, out it was only a few years ago that we were the force of the harricane sounds are the force of the harricane. The sponsor is delighted that the withdrawing to his dressing room.

growing wealth of the game is attracting many new players, "expanding the pool of professionals". The old hand is less happy. Ray Reardon says: "People are coming into the game solely for the money today. They win a game at Pontin's and they want to turn professional. Where's the love of the

Reardon, now 50, has been a professional for 30 years. "There was no money in it then. It was all in the clubs. But you had your social life and you looked after your opponent. I loved it. I still do. I'll still do the clubs.

completely not playing. See, when I get it right and I'm in charge of myself, then I'm unbeatable and I'm complete. Someonly just coming into it. There's another 50 per cent of the market to go."

The sponsor is contented, too. Don Whiting, sponsored events executive of Imperial Tobacco, is confident that a more than adequate return is accruing and 1 m complete. Sometimes I go out there and I don't know what I'm doing or who I am. But I'm a Jekyll and Hyde and I can't control it.

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> Two of the men apart are at the table, a fat man and a thin man. Bill Werbeniuk flops on to the table to make a shot and struggles to rise like a bull seal stranded on a rock. Alex and ganglia of nerves tremble in his face as he sits between breaks, far gone in wild dialogue between the sides of

aiming an obscenity at a reporter and book." The gentlemen of letters look coloured balls turns into an analogue

The sponsor is delighted that the withdrawing to his dressing room. Werbeniuk has a stand-up row in the corridor with reporters from popular papers to whom he will not speak, he says, unless they give him a letter undertaking to print what he says, rather than what they invent. He will talk to The Times.

Werbeniuk says that "this game of snooker that I'm participating in and which I love" is being "called down" by the popular papers and his pleasure is being spoiled. If he can't continue to enjoy the game, he says, he will leave it "I've already turned down two opportunities to get extremely rich The old hand says that one aspect of snooker has not changed. "Snooker players are a breed apart. They're not completely themselves when they're realised that there's very little difference, after tax, between earning £200,000 and £400,000 and they're rushing up and down the country like lads. You'll be sorry if you don't." Werbeniuk looks fierce. "I don't want to talk about it."

A white Rolls Royce chauffered by a boy in liveried grey awaits Werbeniuk at the stage-door. He stands by Blithe Spirit to pose for photographs, an Arbuckle grandee in his splendour, with children grimacing into the camera behind and a mad old man in a beside him.

In the press room, the unblinkingly Both the fat man and the thin man confident Steve Davis is giving noisy spectators are all intolerable are very angry with the press. After one literature lessons: "If you can keep intrusions to him. The table becomes of their quarter-final sessions, Higgins your head while all about you is more than a puzzle of points as he hurtles through the backstage area crumbling - that's a classic from a glares and frets upon it: the pattern of

uneasy. "I think that's a misinterpretation, Steve," says one. "Well, let's hope I can go on misinterpreting through the next two rounds."

Absent from all public discusssion is the snooker-hall scruff, the player himself. Davis and Werbeniuk may become nabobs of property and finance but Higgins will remain the urchin forever unreformed. By no means can he be anything but himself, neither more nor less than a snookerplayer. His attempts to dandify himself in spats and silks to match the rich sartorial exactness of young contenders

L iggins will remain the urchin, forever unreformed

like Tony Mee and Tony Knowles will always be thwarted by a body like a bag of sticks and an intensity of mental activity which mocks studied vanities

Like Bobby Fischer, Higgins is so engrossed in the mental exactions of blue woolly hat making cueing gestures his play that he can stand no interruption to the urgent chatter of his thoughts, so referees and reporters and

of his own mind and in playing snooker he is completely playing himself. He is the most cerebral of all players, indifferent to the remorseless tortures of drink and nicotine with which he batters his body.

Who was the television producer or director who saw, more than a decade ago, that snooker was perfectly designed for the aesthetics and the economics of the medium? Three studio cameras cut round the table with a limitless variety of shots; there are only two characters and a referee to pay, and a tight, intimate drama of competition is the focus. Pretty, too, with all those colours. He deserves a royalty from snooker. From Pot Black has grown a sporting industry which is the envy even of the mighty moneymakers of tennis and golf and which perfectly embodies the presiding principle which applies equally to motor-racing and boxing and tennis: the television audience is all; the suckers who go to sit and watch are merely fodder for the cameras. Dummies and taped crowd noises would do as well.

Snooker is not a sport for a large crowd of spectators and never was: it only works for a gathering of intimates, grouped closely around the table, squinting at the angles over the players' shoulders and making side bets on every play. The intimates gathered around the tables of the World Professional Snooker Championship are the millions of members of the television audience, for theirs is the magnified and close up view that every punter covets. The seated audience is an attendant cast of extras. waiting upon the rising and falling of princes who cue for matchless prizes. A sennet; loud noises off, enter two lords. left and right; they play for the championship of the world.

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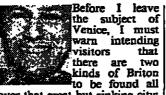


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Where Ruskin complained of the view of Browning



to be found all over that great but sinking city: package tourists and people writing books about the place. I would guess that the latter is the bigger group. Even in one week met authors doing research for

The Vashing titles:The Washing Lines of Venice.
The Cats of Venice,
Vanished Islands of Venice.
Places Where Ruskin Stayed.
Places Where Byron Didn't

Until these are written, most tourists make do with copies of either James Morris's Venice or G. Links's Venice for Pleasure, both excellent. You can tell they are excellent from the quotes on the covers. Morris's book is "the best modern book about a city I have read" (Geoffrey Grigson). Links's is "one of the most delightful and original guides ever written about the city - any city, for that matter", according to no less a man than James Morris. Not to be outdone, Bernard Levin calls it "not only the best guide-book to that city ever written, but the best guidebook to any city ever written,"

MOREOVER... Wiles Kington

about Venice for Links to praise, but undaunted he recommends on p. 151 the

Vecia Cavana, favourite Vene tian restaurant of that well-known gourmet, Mr Bernard Levin". As I said, Britons in Venice are either package tourists or authors, and it is hard to say which is the tighter-

knit group.
This may explain why books on Venice tend to treat buildings as important only if they have been visited by English writers. Ruskin stayed here, but did not like the view, is one famous comment. Byron first stayed here in Venice, is another, and seduced his landlord's wife. Browning did a lot of staying died here as well. Wagner moved from the gloomy Danieli hotel to the Palazzo
Giustinian, where he cheered
himself up by writing Tristan.
As we have been told so often, Venice is a very homo-

Perhaps feeling left out of things, Links himself on p. 95 of his book calls James Morris "by far the city's best twentieth-century chronicler". Levin does not seem to have written a book as walks round, to describe a seem to have written a book as walks round, to describe everywhere. Here it is.

> On your right, notice a large palazzo. Palazzo is the Italian word for an otherwise undistinguished house in which a famous English writer has stayed. Here Ruskin stayed for a while, though he left after complaining of the view of

Browning opposite.

Round the corner we will find a charming bridge, on which James Morris once stopped a passer-by to ask him for the name of a good restaurant. The good-natured stranger, who was some other than Perpad I wish none other than Bernard Levin, tipped the Vacia Cavana, and even gave him several cards for the place, recommending the

spaghetti con cozze.

The canel which passes under the bridge was the scene of a strange naval disaster in the 1870s when Mr Wagner's grand geneous city, which is another way of saying that all the streets

and sank. It blocked shipping for eight months; after it had been raised Browning moved into it for a short while.

Pass on to No 3984, which was a convent until the early nineteenth century, but which was closed down after Byron had visited it and seduced most of the occupants. It is now a small museum dedicated to the memory of the Ruskins' dog, though it is not listed in any guide book, perhaps because it has not been found open since 1927. The next church is known to

the locals as La Chiesa di San Roberto, after Browning who lived there briefly but had to leave after Ruskin (but not Wagner) complained about the noisy late parties. There is a pleasing portrait of Santa Camilla, with which Lord Byron is said to have fallen in love for a while, and a leaflet in English which was described by Bernard Levin, or perhaps J. G. Links, as the best guide to any church in Venice, or indeed the world.

Passing the next canel, along which Lord Byron swam in his heroic swim across Venice, we come to the palazzo in which Wagner wrote his tragic opera Ruskin.

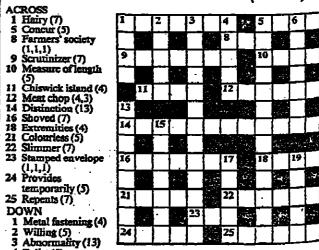
Conclude with a refreshing cup of coffee at the Bar di Giacomo Maurizio, named after James Morris but now renamed the Giannina Maurizio.

Next week in Spectrum

Monday: How Gorky Park was transplanted toScandinavia

Tuesday and Wednesday: The heroin epidemic. Addiction figures are rising throughout Britain, thanks to cut-price imports from the Golden Crescent.

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FRIDAY PAGE

Gillian Moore finds more to be collected than the auctioneer knows

This is the doing something with my life. The handsome middle-aged woman who had enrolled on Sotheby's Collectors Week was a newcomer to the number of satinwood commodes and Japanese ivories. After 20 years of marriage to a Scottish farmer she is a fine judge. of a Friesian cow or a coilie, but with a divorce behind her and a new home in Kentish commuterland, those skills no longer count. Nobody wants to employ a woman in her forties without formal qualifications." The man she lives with wants to marry her but she resists being hustled willy-nilly into a second mistake. She discovered the pleasures of collecting kist December when she fell in love with a shop and found herself saying. "I want that. Why shouldn't I have it?" From that moment, she pinned her.

hopes for a new start on antiques. The first day of the course exploded her optimism. The experts knowledge oppressed her. The prices they bandied about-outraged her. Worse, when she fished out the snapshots of her new purchases they shook their heads disapprovingly. But by the end of the week she was buoyant again. Escaping from the claustrophobia of her emotional problems to meet new people had

doubled her confidence.

Maybe the experts could summon more facts, but her taste, she had decided, was as valid as theirs. She knows now that she is not too old to acquire a new talent and she is ready to try a spot of dealing. Her parting words: "I've come alive".

The agents of this revival were 10 of Sotheby's auction room experts who scampered through their specialities and discussed objects coming up for sale. Sotheby's run their Collector's Week four times a year as a public relations exercise toencourage new customers into the saleroom. It is very effective, they say, but it makes virtually no profit and might be at risk under a sterner new regime. All the same, at £150 it is no great bargain and the most prominent participants were wealthy collectors from Belgium, Singapore and America who were boning up for forthcoming sales.

Other women had come for less mercenary reasons. One was poised to direct her abundant energy to study after years of child-rearing and dutifully accompanying her husband on his business trips. She had already thrown herself into flower arranging, mastered it and had her judge's certificate. Now she needed stronger meat. Another had escaped her teenage children and the kitchen stove to hover as near as she dared to the glitter of the London art

A third was an inveterate course taker, a single woman in her late thirties who had whiled away innumerable weekends and evenings on everything from bridge to-wine. There were, incidentally, a couple of



The romantic objects of art's desire

men, but one was a dealer and the other had vanished by Monday

The mixed bunch of heiresses housewives and lonely hearts being titillated with desirable objects by Sotheby's are just the top end of a

booming leisure industry.
NADFAS, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, occupies the middle range. Founded in 1968, it already boasts. 27,500 members and is still oper about 10 new branches a year. The mass market for instant culture is. Not that they would admit to such served by the National Trust a fling, at least not at first. A Centres, independent local suppression for art was always the porters chips for the National Trust, official reason for being there. which began in a small way in 1948, started mushrooming in the 1970s, and now have 100,000 members between them. Both NADFAS and the National Trust Centres put on lectures and study days on art and antiques, and organize guided trips

and voluntary work.

So who is consuming all this culture? The short answer is women.

every time. NADFAS was founded by and for women and in the early years meetings were generally held during the day. Although men are admitted and meetings now often take place in the evening, males still make uponly 5 per cent of the membership. The National Trust Centres are a little more balanced, with member-

shap varying from 60 per cent to 90 per cent female according to the The official programme of the course or the arts society is rarely what interests people most. They go along because their friends are doing it, because they enjoy dressing up for candie-lit receptions, because there is a waiting list, or because they have rno better excuse for taking a breather from their families. Most often of all, they do it because they

although few could remember quite when the spark was lit. ..

The officials of NADFAS and the National Trust Centres are equally disinclined to discuss people's motives for belonging, and naturally resist labelling themselves social services. There is always a pause and a new, reluctant tone when they allow themselves to admit that, yes, there are members for whom this is almost the only chance to see new

Little things can make or break a weekend away for an elderly single woman - things like whether she is obliged to share a room with somebody else. The National Trust centres make a point of arranging trips only to places where they can

accommodate single people in single

The big hotels that put on cultural events have a different formula for success. Their aim is to make the art so innocuous that you can even bring your husband along if you have one. When the Imperial at Torquay gets Arthur Negus down for an antiques weekend it wads the lectures between so many champagne receptions and gastronomic dinners that even the philistines could doze through them painlessly.

I went on a weekend of tours round country houses offered by the Grosvenor in Chester, along with two retired couples who wanted to see a fresh bit of countryside, a quiet widow and a pair of middle-aged newly-weds who were using the occasion to let off some steam.

At our communal dinner table the husband, barely out of earshot of his wife, gave his end of the table a lurid eccount of what she could expect if he ever caught her being unfaithful. Next day discretion returned and we concentrated on spying on the owners of the country houses, their dogs and their Sunday lunches, all of which afforded richer entertainment than their pictures and their Persian

One might have expected a more committed class of person to turn up in Worthing at one of the summer percelain seminars arranged by Geoffrey Godden, chinaman and author of standard works in his field. And indeed the audience on my weekend included some dealers and serious collectors. But my neighbour was an elderly widow who confided that she had come to lessen the disppointment of two puppies she had bought not being delivered on the day they had been promised. She liked ching, she often bought a piece as a souvenir when she went on holiday, and she had come with a friend a few months before to another of Godden's

She had been nervous of coming this time on her own in case nobody spoke to her. In the event, she managed to talk to strangers and enjoy herself. Godden is wise enough to lay on refreshments at frequent intervals to get the social wheels turning.

If women were filling themselves

with art just for the sake of the company, one would feel desperately sorry for them sitting through all those words and slides in order to arrive at the coffee break. They must genuinely like what they are learning, though otherwise they would have stayed with the ladies' uncheon club and the charity jumble sales. In entertaining themselves, they are keeping a great many museum curators and junior auctioneers in pocket money, even though the successes - and the boom in all these courses - must be rated more in terms of happy exchanges than of uplifted minds.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Persuasion at a premium



Persuading parents to have their childimmunized ren against diphtheria, has become increasingly difficult since the scare over the

safety of the whooping cough vaccine. But just because there are fewer cases of these diseases now does not mean that the diseases have disappeared - the cases of diphtheria in London last year illustrate the

In America it is compulsory for all school children to be vaccinated an approach that would be unlikely to make any headway in this COUNTY.

Joginder Kumar Anand, district community physician in Peterborough, has come up with a novel suggestion for persuading parents. Writing in the British Medical Journal last week he suggests a £5 premium bond should be offered to all children who have a complete course and a £15 bond to every girl leaving school who is vaccinated against German measles. Dr Anand admits the scheme would cost money but, he argues, there would presumably be savings in caring for ill and disabled

Drink deterrent



Doctors in Dundee are concerned that an initiative from the Department of Transport to track down problem drinkers who commit more than

drink/driving offence may backfire because the department's selection test is too arbitrary. The department intends to look into the drinking habits of drivers who are found to have 200mg to

100ml of alcohol in the blood on two occasions in a ten-year period. Doctors working on the Tayside Safe Driving Project who have just published their own results in the British Medical Journal say that the 200mg to 100ml figure is arbitrary and does not really identify those drivers at risk - at two and half times the legal limit for drinking and driving it accounts for only 5 per cent

of all drink/driving offenders. Using a more sensitive biochemical test the Tayside doctors have revealed, by taking two blood tests at a nine-month interval, that as many as a third of all drivers have a longterm drink problem - a much higher incidence of heavy drinking than in the general population. They also discovered a conviction does not deter the majority of people from drinking again.

The intention of the Department of Transport's initiative would be to rehabilitate problem drinkers: they would be banned from driving for three years and they would then have to prove they had overcome their drinking problems. Dr James Dunbar, who took part in the Tayside survey, believes it would be relatively easy for barred drink/drivers to mislead the court into believing they had controlled their drinking using the Department of Transport's

The biochemical test can reveal immediately whether a driver has stopped drinking or not.

Accusing Africa



been reported in the United States and although official UK figures are lacking, 22 cases have been seen in one London hospital alone - the heat is on for epidemiologists to find

As a consequence the traditional vehicle of medical debate — the letters pages of the learned journals. - have been ringing with ideas. No fewer than five letters to the Lancet

discussed the problem last week.

Three of them pointed an accusing finger at Africa where a condition similar to AIDS. depressed immune defences which lay the sufferer open to infections and cancers - is endemic.

The suggestion is that the American AIDS epidemic has suddenly developed because a pathogen, probably a virus, common to other parts of the world has got into a very vulnerable and promiscuous population - most AIDS patients so far have been homosexuals.

AIDS in a Danish surgeon working in Zaire and Zairian woman and her children are noted in the letters. Doctors at the Harvard School of Public Health point out that AIDS first appeared in Haitians (Haiti is a favourite holiday venue for American "gays") in 1979, the same year that African Swine Fever virus hit the island. Possibly a modification of that virus is the culprit, they suggest.

Diabetics at risk

The economic squeeze on the NHS has made the United Kingdom one of the worst places in Europe to be a diabetic with kidney disease. A third of Britain's 250,000 diabetics who need daily insulin injections to keep them alive will

develop kidney problems later in life. Ten years ago few anywhere in Europe would have been treated because doctors doubted that therapy would do any good. Now, however, they acknowledge its benefits and, according to the latest statistics from the European Dialysis and Transplant Association - which keeps tabs on all kidney patients - the number European diabetics receiving a kidney transplant or dialysis has shot up twentyfold since 1976.

Not so in the UK. In the five years from 1976 there was only a threefold increase in the number of diabetics offered help. In 1981 still only 3 per cent of new kidney patients were diabetics, which contrasts sharply with the record in Scandinavia where

the figure is nearly 19 per cent. But for a new dialysis technique the situation in Britain might have been even worse. Nowadays 50 per cent of diabetics with renal failure are put on to continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. With this technique sufferers regularly put into their body cavity a special fluid which draws poisons out of the blood stream. The method is cheap because it can be done at home.

Mystery ingredient



The Nigerian equi-valent of the hamburger, suva, is causin Lagos because a number of people are suffering from a peculiar form of anaemia and jaundice after eating it.

Suya is a popular barbecued essteak sold in roadside stalls. Meat covered with a red powder which turns brown on cooking seems to be the culprit and the first ill effects occur a couple of days after It is not known what goes into the

powder - red suya has been in existence for many years – but there could be a new ingredient because patients with anaemic symptoms have been discovered only in the last couple of years.

The doctors who have traced the iliness back to suya have written to the Lancet drawing the attention of the medical profession world wide to the puzzling diagnosis.

Their concern is because sufferers

have nearly all bought their red suya in Shagamu - a crossroads town near Lagos airport. One patient has already been discovered in London.

Olivia Timbs and **Lorraine Fraser**

Olivia Timbs is editor of Med-economics and Lorraine Fraser is science editor of

Shirley Lowe meets Twiggy as she begins the beguine on Broadway

It's like Fred and Ginger all over again . . innit?

Back in 1967, when she was 17, Twiggy made a film called Twiggy in New York to promote a range of clothes bearing her name: Oi cut this fringe meself," she told the crowd who admired her Minnehaha mini and nearly ethnic headband. A. man on the pavement was unimpressed: She'll last a couple of weeks," he said.

Twiggy is now back in New York and on Sunday she opens on Broadway singing and dancing like Ginger to Tommy Tune's Fred in a remake and rewrite of Gershwin's Funny Girl, retitled My One and Only. The Americans adore her. - no. mean achievement in a culture obsessed with the Dolly Partonsilhouette - and at every preview they stop the show and applaud wildly as she slips onto the stage in clinging white satin.

Twiggy at 33 is prettier than ever, and a more durable product than anyone in the '60s would have predicted. In fact, although she was professionally packaged and presented to the public by her ex-boyfriend and agent Justin de Villeneuve (Michael Davies for short)
Twiggy turns out to be not a showbiz product at all but a thoroughly nice girl with the guts and go and good looks to stretch a rather small talent as far as the star's dressing room.

That is where I found her, surrounded by pale pink flowerpatterned Laura Ashley cushions and dozens of pictures of her four-year-old daughter. Carly - "The most important thing in my life."

Twiggy has never been much of a talker. "Or like it 'ere," she announced at one press conference soon after she arrived: Pressed for her reasons, she turned to Justin: "What do of like?" What she says is often unmemorable but her way of saying it is irresistibly appeal-"innits" and north London

naow' vowel sounds. She still has the accent, and speaking terribly posh on stage it tends to slip out. "Yer've gotta be joking!" Everything in her life, says Twiggy, has just sort of happened to her. "It's Lke I never planned anything. I. was very content, very happy being a model. It was marvellous, really, I was making all. The Whitneys were moving that money and then, one day, I back to Britain from Los was having dinner with my Angeles when all this happened mate, Ken Russell, when I and although Twiggy is happened to say I had seen The honoured to be on Broadway— Bonfriend and somebody had "it's a giant step forward for suggested I ought to do a film of "me" — it has postponed the



Twiggy with top hat, talls and Tommy Tune

it. He said: Oh great. I'll direct So, after MGM, who owned

the story, had had a heart attack about Twiggy starring in their film - They didn't know whether Locald dance and sing or not and neither did P - she made. The Bayfriend and that's where she got to know Tommy ing, which is probably why Tune, the dascer/actor/interviewers so often quote her choreographer/director/Tony award winner who put the new show together.

"I came out to the States when she is supposed to be because I was doing a falm called W - and that's how I met Michael (she married American ago) and he kept on going on at their best friend in the back for me to do Liza in Promation a deal. Well that's awful before I was too old; or, I Homesty and integrity mean

house in the country just outside London which believes, is the ideal place to bring up a child. At the moment, they are living in a rented apartment in New York; Carly goes to a yery good Montesson school nearby and a friend of Twiggy's from Los Angeles is looking after her:

She hated almost everything about LA. "You can't go for a walk and even the flowers aren't real. It's a bloody desert, that's what it is, and people have built a city there." Most of all she hated their values. "Everything is judged by youth and beauty actor Michael Whitney six years and success and they'd stab wouldn't have done that nothing and the kids in LA are

> and they're all screwed up. I wouldn't let a child grow up there for anything."
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> Having Carly, she says, has changed her way of thinking completely. "The first thing youthink about when you wake up

brought up in this false world

is your child, and it's the last thing you think about when you go to sleep. Sometimes, I wake in the night and think: What will it be like for her?" Now know why my mother worried Michael very much but he's mad about riding and he keeps talking about getting Carly on to Her eyes widen with horror. She refuses now to be

photographed with Carly. "I grew up in Neasden, ordinary London suburb and, even though I was spoiled to death and had everything I wanted, Carly obviously lives a very different life. Oh, I'm so proud of her, I'd love to show her off, but I don't think it would be good for her".

It can't be easy being married to such a recognizable celebrity and there have been reports from Hollywood that Michael, who is 15 years older than Twiggy, would prefer to be the main breadwinner.

"I don't think he really minds me being more famous that him because, after all, I was when ! met him. But, there are those awful people who are all over you and ignore the person you're with. Well I think that's just rude and that's one of the reasons we don't go out to

Another reason is that wiggy, like most successful people, truly enjoys work more She rehearsed the dance

routines for eight hours daily before the show opened and i touchingly pleased with the gift of a silver mirror which belonged to Adele Astaire, who starred and danced in the original with brother Fred in 1927. "Adele Astaire," breathes Twiggy. "Why, she's practically my idol."

Another thrill came her way at a preview. "I'd just taken Carry to the loo off my dressing room - she'd had all that ice cream and drinks and that and when I came back, there was Lucille Ball. I couldn't believe it. I just gazed at her and I must have seemed daft, I'm sure. But she loved the show. Twiggy has been a headlining

success ever since she faced the camera 18 years ago to become the world's first child mode celebrity. She says she has changed ("I've grown up, got wiser, I hope. I probably don' trust people as much as I used to") but her enduring and endearing quality is that she still acts more like a fan than a top

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THE TIMES DIARY

Heads I win . . .

David Irving, the right-wing his-torian who has been decrying the Hitler Diaries as fakes, is at the same time claiming a 10 per cent commission from The Sunday Times for, he says, having provided the information and leads. Irving contacted The Sunday Times in December, offering his information on condition that if the paper paid for serialization or digest rights to the Diaries he should be granted commission. He suggested 10 per cent, and claims now that in the "extensive oral communications" which followed The Sunday Times did not query this figure. Magnus Linklater of The Sunday Times, who spoke with Irving, says their last conversation some weeks ago revealed that Irving by then believed the papers he had been looking at were fakes. "Our purchase of the Hitler Diaries owes nothing to Irving and was negotiated without help from or reference to him", Linklater adds.

Forked tongue

A Times man who was in Berlin in 1945 retrieved a painting signed by Adolf Hitler from the ruins of the bunker. He took it, and on his way out met an American sergeant whose prize was cuilery marked "A.H.". They compared booty and the sergeant so coveted the painting that our man, judging the spoons and forks the better bet, agreed to swop. A few days later he found the cutlery had come from the Adlon Hotel.

House whine

Clement Freud has tabled an early day motion deploring the "surrep-titious means by which mediocre South African wine has been sneaked into the cellars of the House" and noting "the reticence with which it is being marketed.".
The South African wines he says, are being peddled like dirry postcards. They do not appear on the refreshment department's wine list. When they are sold it is like someone shuffling up and saying: "Do you want my sister?"

Rod of irony

News that the Department of Education is considering giving parents the right to veto the corporal punishment of children in state schools lends irony to a panegyric of Schools lends from to a panegyric of Sir Keith Joseph in the latest Newsline, the official Tory paper. In an article headlined "Discipline: Teachers cane Labour," Sir Keith is praised for refusing to bow to pressure against caning "despite a ruthless campaign by 'do-gooding' fanatics egged on by the Labour

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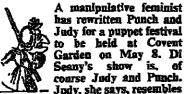
Worker's control

My former chief, Sir Willian Rees-Mogg, evidently gets along all right now with the workers at the Arts Council. He has just announced the appointment of the former chief shop steward - though they call it chairman of the staff association at the Arts Council - as music director. Rees-Mogg describes Richard Lawrence as "exceptionally able" and is "all the more pleased the appointment is made from existing council

Some woolly thinking crept into the postal ballot for elections to the British Wool Marketing Board. The board is now looking for a producer whose official envelope was returned. postmarked Lampeter, containing not a voting form but a £5 note and a shopping list for pet food and custard powder.

Rowdy or Nutter?

The present row about whether Oxford United should merge with Reading could not. New Society argues, have happened to a better club. It was Oxford's terraces the social psychologist Peter Marsh inhabited for three years to observe the fans' behaviour. His researches classified football hooligans into two groups, Rowdies and Nutters, Now might become a Rowdy or Numer himself. He opposes the merger and took part in Saturday's demon-stration on the pitch.



- Judy, she says, resembles an East End mum and "quite likes men." Reversing the classic pattern, she triumphs over the Devil (a DHSS inspector) and the Hangman (a Thatcherite). The Sambo character becomes Bowling Ali, Muhammad's Restafarian baby brother.

The innocent and the insidious

Both CND and the Labour Party favour Britain giving up her nuclear weapons, but a clear distinction should be made between the two groups. Most of CND's members are muddled, mistaken idealists, with no experience of international affairs and no knowledge of the Soviet Union or Eastern

They have a very understandable fear of nuclear war and the present profusion of nuclear weapons breeds in them a strong and emotional conviction that they should do something about it, even if it is the wrong

The Labour Party, however, knows well what it is doing. The left wing is pro-East and wants to make Britain and the West weaker. The right wing is pro-West and knows that unilateralism is wrong. But it does not want to make itself weaker in the party by openly opposing Labour's lurch towards neutralism.

An exception should perhaps be made for Mr Michael Foot. He became a unilateralist at the age of 45, and has been one for the succeeding quarter of a century (except when he was in the Labour government). He is the same in beliefs and prejudices as he was when he used to spend his Easters ambling between Aldermaston and Trafalgar Square, even though the world has changed.

But the CND is not cynical. It is at least as innocent as Mr Foot was in the 1950s.

Sir Ian Gilmour warns Conservatives not to confuse CND with the real political opposition

CND's basic fallacy is to think that the West and the Soviets are very like each other and are both equally to blame for the cold war and the arms race. So CND equates Nato and the Warsaw Pact. But the Warsaw Pact is a facade. It is wholly Russian-dominated. Nato is entirely different. No country abrogates to itself the right to determine the political and social arrangements of its neighbours - Nato is an alliance of free

From the fallacy that East and West are basically the same stem all the other fallacies. Mr E. P. Thompson seems aware of the danger. He has talked of "the sleepwalkers in the peace movement" and of the peril of CND placing its trust in the Soviet Union. "It is time for the peace movement to wash the sleep out of its eyes . . .

Recently we have heard from a Czech dissident who writes in the New Statesman under the name of Váchar Racek. "In contrast with you," Mr Racek told Mr Thompson, "I am deeply convinced that

liberty is a necessary condition of peace, of true peace... Human history shows that liberty must, very often, be gained and defended by force ... "

Mr Racek knows what he is talking about; he lives under a totalitarian dictatorship. Until there are human rights in Russia, the Soviet system will present a danger to the

Once it is conceded that the conditions in East and West are fundamentally different, CND's policy is plainly indefensible. Since there can be no genuine peace movement in the East, one-sided disarmament by Britain would produce no response save laughter from the USSR.

At the time of the 1962 Cuba crisis, the US had a strategic nuclear supremacy of about 60 to one. Hence, in those days, Mr Foot's unilateralism was a harmless fad. Today there is nuclear parity. Unilateralism, like Mr Foot, is no longer harmless. For Labour now to seek to rupture Nato is a consensus act of sabotage. That is not true of CND, which does not know what it is doing. CND can be defeated in argument. For Labour, the only cure is the ballot box.

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The Ascendants' descendants on the way up

A Protestant wedding reception in the Irish Republic recently ended with a dilemma for the Roman Catholic band; should they finish with the Irish national anthem?

Out of respect for the supposed susceptibilities of the wedding guests, the band played something else. The guests knew nothing of the musicians' concern and, had they done so, would probably have insisted on the anthem being played, as it is at the end of many social functions, public and private. throughout the country.

But the incident neatly encapsulates how the Republic's small number of Protestants are often viewed as not quite fully fledged Irishmen or whose allegiance to the state is not 100 per cent. Their position in a predominantly conservative and Roman Catholic country has been highlighted in recent months by the tortuous political, religious and medical debate on the proposal to introduce a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Being under the spotlight is not a position many lay Protestants relish. A lot of older people are reluctant to speak out publicly on any contro-versy which might lead to them being branded with the offensive clergy have had no such inhibitions and have entered the abortion debate with such vigour that one member of the Dail accused Dr Victor Griffin, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral. Dublin, of being "an-

other Paisley". quick to respond to a resolution by two Northern Ireland Unionist Euro MPs accusing the Republic of "institutionalized sectarianism" against the Protestants. The Rev David Woodworth, a Church of Ireland rector in County Cork, retorted: "I don't think they give a damn about southern Protestants except when it's convenient for their

own political purposes.". Behind these public utterances, in

Election fever is mounting here with

Johannesburg

"West Briton" label. Their leading Southern Protestants were also

which the Dean has said that Protestants are fed up with the continual debate on sexual matters, is a growing confidence. especially among younger Protestants, about their place in the Republic's society. Churchmen also believe that the

number of Protestants could be rising after the sharp fall of the last 60 years. Huge losses in the First World War, the withdrawal of the British Army and Civil Service, emigration at the time of the 1921 partition, smaller families and mixed marriages – all have contributed to the savage decline, from around 300,000 in 1911 to 120,000 4 per cent of the population - in 1971.

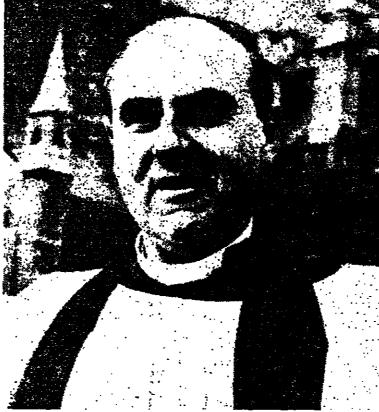
In areas of Dublin, Protestant schools report a bigger intake and in one suburb the Methodists are considering building a new church to cope with their growing congre-gation. One Methodist minister reported similar growth in central Ireland, although the drift continues from the West.

The signs of the Protestant revival are being cautiously welcomed. It is occurring at a time of rapid social change when a large, youthful population knows little of old divisions and probably cares even

Traditionally, most Protestants have been middle-class with strong representation in the midlands and they have tended to live self-contained lives. But the exclusively Protestant preserves have been swept away, with Trinity College now having a majority of Roman Catholic students and the Guinness brewery long ago opening its door to the majority religion.

"Protestants today are becoming much more mainstream and there is less sense of being apart, especially among the younger people", says Dr Griffin. But he accepts that there have been problems of identity for the older generation, whose parents still remember the break with

There may be anger at the assumption that every Irishman is a



Dr Griffin: "Less sense of being apart"

a true lrishman only if you are one. David Pierepoint, a young Protestant bank official brought up to mix with Roman Catholics, said: "I'm an Irishman with complete loyalty to the state. I would like a united Ireland, although without the violence, which I abhor. I have no feelings of allegiance to Britain, although I do admire it".

Neither does this younger generation have the inhibitions of its parents in discussing with Roman Catholics the often taboo subjects of abortion, contraception and divorce. But although these matters are conversation. the non-Catholic churches are more wary about being seen to be in the vanguard of movements pressing for changes on such moral issues.

One reason for the recovery in Protestant numbers could be the more liberal interpretation by the Roman Catholic clergy of the mixed marriages issue. The canon law requirement that every effort be made by the Catholic partner to

bergs" would put paid to the government's modest reforms. But

many liberals would welcome such

an outcome in the belief that it

would hasten the disintegration of the Afrikaner nationalist base of the

ruling party. In their view, that is the

only way in which a truly reformist

realignment of white political forces

There is no doubt that it will be

close-run. If the government wins, of

course, the picture will be trans-formed. The far right will have

suffered a devastating psychological

blow, and Mr Fanie Botha will be

remembered as a hero rather than a

blunderer. For the moment, how-

ever, the ruling party shows all the symptoms of being in an advanced

One factor in the government's

favour is the continuing failure of

Dr Treurnicht to achieve a fully-

working electoral alliance with the

can be brought about.

Roman Catholic and that you can be bring up any child of a mixed marriage in the faith is not only probably the greatest strain in everyday relations between the two faiths but the one that brings the deepest resentment among Protestants. Dr Griffin said: "There is a great

feeling of loss in Protestant families when a son or daughter marries a Catholic. We see it as the way to annihilation and as most unfair on the couple getting married."

Yet churchmen say that many "mixed" couples, especially in urban areas where social pressures have cased, are bringing up their children as Protestants. A Dun Laoghaire minister estimates that 25 per cent of the children at his Sunday school are from mixed marriages. Dr Griffin says that more couples are trying to bring up their children in both faiths, allowing them to worship in the church of each partner. He adds: "We don't want all the children brought up as Protestants. We regard it as a private matter for a couple to solve.

Richard Ford

David Watt

Coming to terms with Andropov

The Soviet commentator Alexander Bovin is, as his name suggests, a great ox of a man, a fat man with an even fatter man inside trying to get out. He is also a personality of great intelligence, humour and charm. Some of you may have seen him on television the other night telling viewers that no serious dialogue with the Americans is possible so long as President Reagan remains in office. Others may have read him in last Sunday's Observer urging moderation in East-West relations. It is worth considering what he had

to say not just because his trip to London last week to attend the Anglo-Soviet Round Table at Chatham House comes at a highly charged moment, but because he is said to be very close to Yuri

Bovin's argument, as he explained it to me, runs as follows, All revolutions - English, French, American, Russian - begin with ideology, but time and the demands of external events dilute this element until eventually the overwhelming ingredients are pragmatism and national interest. Soviet Russia, since the death of Lenin, has proceeded predictably along this path and now stands at a place where ideology is still important, certainly, but where pragmatism is

already the dominant flavour. For Bovin, the paradox and puzzle is that the United States, which had its revolution more than 200 years ago and has duly progressed according to plan, has suddenly under President Reagan turned in the opposite direction and is now, apparently, determined to lead an ideological crusade against communism and the "empire of evil" that is the Soviet Union. This is depressing and dangerous, says Bovin. National interest is nego-tiable but Holy War precludes compromise and leads to the final horrifying clash between good and evil at Armageddon.

This is nice stuff, and so far as Reaganism is concerned, expresses a puzzlement that spreads far beyond the Soviet Union. The problem, as always with Soviet controversy, is to know how much of it is tactics disguised as sincerity and how much is sincerity creeping out from behind a safe mask of tactics.

On the face of it, of course, the whole thesis is a shameless piece of effrontery. There is nothing on earth more relentlessly ideological than a Soviet commentator when he wishes to make his points in that form. Who has been talking about (and indeed conducting) the death struggle between capitalism and Marxism-Leninism all these years? More than that, ideology is the air that Soviet leaders breathe, the water they swim in and in the end the justification of their existence.

The fifteenth-century papacy, worldly, corrupt and aggressive as it was, never divorced itself entirely from ecclesiastical and doctrinal considerations; similarly Soviet foreign policy, however much nationalism and self-interest may appear to dictate its moves, is under the ultimate necessity of clothing these imperatives in doctrinaire always significant. So much is this the case that we may wonder why Bovin has not been arraigned for heresy and burned at the stake in suitably cinquecento style for daring to speak in such secular terms. To this question the cynic will give three answers.

First, he is close to Mr Andropov and therefore has a licence to say pretty well anything he pleases (so long as Andropov himself survives). Second, so able a controversialist

would undoubtedly have a fireproof piece of casustry ready in case he is haled before the Inquisition. If theology is to one's taste, there are many entrancing hours to be spent speculating what this defence might be, but I suppose that its first line would be that the eventual triumph of commenism is so inevitable that ideology" is in a sense intelevant Thus, when the late lamented Comrade Kruschev remarked to the capitalists, "We will bury you', he was not announcing an ideological intention but merely stating an historical inevitability.

The third reason for Bovin's insouciance might be said to be that the Russians have excellent tactical reasons for talking to us in this way at this particular moment. The French are having an anti-Soviet beanteast the West Germans are suspected in Washington of "neuralism". The British are not only worried - politely, but defi-nitely and at all levels - about the Reagan administration, they also still have some influence in Washington and are in a mood to try

and exert it. How, then, if we were in the Kremin, should we handle the British? Well, we adopt our most civilized tone. We appeal to their sense of history and moderation. We speak more in sorrow than in anger about this brash, uncouth, un-British fellow in the White House whom more mature, experienced nations have to try to restrain for the good of humanity. In short we butter them up, and who better qualified to lay it on than Comrade Bovin?

At the same time it is important that we shouldn't outsmart ourselves. It is entirely consistent with probability and with their self-interest that the Russians should believe (a) that the arms race is too expensive and that some compromise is therefore desirable at Geneva; (b) that the Reagan administration does not really propose to compromise except on terms of overwhelming superiority, and (c) that Reagan is actively determined to destroy them and their system and to risk a nuclear war in the process.

Again, there is nothing inherently impossible in Bovin's particular gloss on all this or in the supposition that Mr Andropov has about as much practical concern with ideology as Pope Alexander VI - a potentate underpinned by an absolatist philosophy but one with whom it was possible to do business on a limited basis and even, occasionally, to dine, provided you took suitable precautions.

Yet, at the end of the day, it scarcely matters whether the Russians are sincere and truthful in this account of their present feelings or whether it is all tactics. We have to answer the questions for our-selves. Lord Carrington supplied an authoritative set of British answers in his Alistair Buchan Memorial Lecture last week, saying in effect that a Geneva deal on compromise terms is in our interest; that the Soviet system will collapse in the end of its own accord without dangerous assistance from us; and that dogma and "megaphone diplomacy" are out of place in our deals with the East.

He is quite right. What is most required at the moment is calmness firm self-confidence and flexibility. And the fact that for the time being the Soviet leaders, ably represented by Mr Bovin, would probably agree for a variety of reasons, good and bad, with the general Carrington postion while Mr Reagan would probably not, does not necessarily

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Cry wolf and unleash an age-old fear

the middle. Be suspicious if he has bushy grey hair growing out of his ears. If he takes his clothes off and circum-micturates around them, run for your life; for you may be sure that he is a werewolf, a man-wolf, probably derived from the Old English wer, cognate with the Latin vir, a man. There are no female werewolves. Vampires, yes; shewerewolves, no.

It is remarkable what a strong hold the superstition about the man who can turn into a wolf, the loupgarou of France, has upon our imagination. The last wolf was extirpated in England in the reign of Henry VII, though woives survived in Scotland until well into the eighteenth century. The wolf is extinct in the New World, except in Alaska. And yet the comic strips, tho trash thrillers and the video shops still do brisk business with tales like I Was a Teenage Werewolf. To some extent, the maniac hitch-hiker has replaced the werewolf as a popular horror from the wild outside who irrupts into our civilized world.

The other day I was lucky enough to meet Richard Buxton of Bristol University, who is doing research into the myth of werewolves. You find them passim in the classical literature, though not as passim as in medieval literature. The wolf is a potent symbol of cruety and wildness; which is odd, really, since wolf's main enemy, man, is far more cruel and wild. Left to itself, the wolf preys on large ungulates, rabbits, mics and other vermin; but not man. When food is scarce, it turns to domestic animals: hence the warfare with man, who has been raising stock since neolithic times.

From the earliest literature the wolf was a symbol of the outsider, me Minister's office for ideance.

Dolon, the incompetent Trojan night spy, who significantly were a cloak of a grey wolf's skin (old English proverb: "The wolf must die the cruel predator. Remember

Never trust a man with pale grey in his own skin"). The Eumenides, eyes, or one whose eyebrows meet in your friendly local Furies, said that their disposition was like a raw-minded wolf, "it cannot be appeased".

In the sources the wolf is also symbol of cooperation. Dogs all look different. Wolves look alike, and share their kill; so they are perceived as cooperative. There is an agreeable antique anecdote of a man running away from a pack of wolves and taking refuge in the Nile. But the wolves held on to each other's tails and so reached far enough into the river to get their man.

Then, very early, you get your werewolves. In the Greek myth of the flood, Zeus finally lost his patience with the race of man when Lycaon, the King of Arcadia, served him a stew of human flesh for dinner. So he turned Lycaon into a werewolf: "he keeps the same grey hair, the same fierce face, the same gleaming eyes, the same picture of beastly savagery." Pliny tells the story that one of the family of Antaeus was chosen annually by lot. to be transformed into a wolf, in which shape he continued for mine years. There are others, And the idea of wolf eating man persists. In extreme old age, Milo of Croton, the heavyweight athlete, got his hands caught in a tree he was trying to tear apart. The wolves came and ate him, demonstrating that their bite was worse than his bark. Myths are not just fairy stories.

They are powerful patterns for thinking about things. We evidently still need the werewolf as the pervasive and potent image of the marginal outsider who is different, and therefore dangerous. But, as the old Canadian trapper said: "Any man who says he has been et by a wolf is a liar." I always thought that "Black as halfway down a wolf's throat" was Damon Runyon's original. Not so, I see that Escuro como boca de lobo, dark as a wolf's mouth, is at least 300 years old in Spain

How one Botha has caused P.W. a spot of local bother

the approach of May 10 when 69,000 white voters in the Transvaal, the electoral power base of South Africa's ruling National Party (NP), will have an opportunity to tell the government what they think of its proposed constitutional re-forms. They will do so in four by-elections that could change the course of the country's history.

Commentators here have drawn comparisons with the Wakkerstroom by-election in the Transvaal in 1944, the first of a series of byelection defeats for the United Party (UP) of General Jan Smuts which culminated in the victory of Dr Daniel Malan's Nationalists at the 1948 general election and the advent of the apartheid era.

The by-elections came about in a bizarre way back in February when Mr Fanie Botha, the Minister of Manpower, lost his temper while being heckled in the House of Assembly in Cape Town and rashly offered to resign his seat and rashly offered to resign his seat and subject himself to the hazard of re-election provided that Dr Andries Treurnicht, the leader of the extreme right-wing Conservative Party (CP), did the same.

Dr Treurnicht, Mr Botha declared, did not have "the courage of a mouse". But the mouse roared, and Mr Botha, a senior cabinet minister whose legalization of black trade unions is widely regarded as the government's main reformist achievement, finds himself fighting for his political life in his Soutpans berg constituency in the far north of the Transvaal. Many government MPs already talk openly of "Fanie's flater" (Afrikaans for blunder).

The other main contest is in the Waterberg constituency in the western Transvaal where Dr Treurnicht is defending the seat he held for the NP at the 1981 general election. A year later he and 17 other MPs were expelled from the party for refusing to endorse the government plan for sharing power with the mixed-blood coloured and Indian minorities, and formed the CP.

A third parliamentary by-election will be held in the Waterkloof constituency, a well-to-do suburb of Pretoria, which has been vacated by the CP's Tom Langley, who has agreed to take on Mr Botha in the Soutpansberg. Here the main opposition to the government

comes from the liberal Progressive press has dubbed the "battle of the Federal Party, which is booing for a striking victory in the conservative

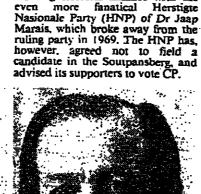
The fourth by-election is to the Transvaal Provincial Council, and will take place in Carletonville, a mining constituency south-west of Johannesburg, where the NP in-cumbent recently died. Though considered less important than the other three, it will be an interesting test of opinion among white miners, who form one of the most conservative groups in the country.

heartland of Afrikanerdom.

If the government loses badly to the CP, it could set Dr Treurnicht's bandwagon rolling again at a time when it had seemed to be losing momentum, and encourage more Nationalist MPs to climb aboard. Conservative Party MPs could also take it in turn to resign their seats and force the government into an almost endless series of damaging by-election campaigns. If the reverses continued, the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, would almost certainly have to call a general

Moderate whites are worried that right-wing victories in what the local

tura out a hero?



Andries Treumicht: his bandwagen



could start rolling again

The campaign is being fought with all the special venom which only a Broederetwis, a brothers' quarrel, can generate. Accusations of corruption have been hurled at Mr Fanie Botha by his erstwhile colleagues, including a potentially damaging suggestion that he im-properly used his position as Minister of Water Affairs 10 years ago to get Parliament to write off a large debt incurred by an irrigation scheme in which he had an undisclosed personal interest. There have been fisticuffs at some meetings.

One of the main effects so far of the campaign has been to force the government into a posture of almost ludicrous defensiveness about its constitutional reforms, which are now being put into legal language for submission to Parliament. There have already been many delays, and the government is evidently hoping to avoid any real debate on the detail of the legislation until after the by-elections are over.

Meanwhile, senior cabinet minis-ters are scurrying from meeting to meeting in the Transvaal enumerating at length all the things that are not going to change as a result of the reforms. At the same time, the government is trying to persuade coloureds and Indians, as well as opinion abroad, that it has embarked on a major departure from the rigidities of classical

The confusion in government circles has been reflected in the Prime Minister's gyrations over the issue of a referendum. In February. was announced that he had decided against a referendum. A few weeks ago he suddenly changed his mind and said that one would be held for whites only after the constitutional changes had been passed by Parliament but before they were implemented.

This led to pressure for similar but much more hazardous tests of coloured and Indian opinion. To which Mr Botha grudgingly gave in, though without committing himself on the timing, only to declare a week ago to general derision that no referendums would be held so long as the drought lasted. Political correspondents here are now looking to the weather bureau rather than the Prime Minister's office for further guidance.

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President Reagan's dilemma in will certainly be no time for Reagan's address this week. can administration, even though continental strategic perspective ions about how President Rea- one, unless the infection is gan should seek to resolve his contained:

USA, many people find it hard to believe that what happens in Central America has any significant bearing on American strataddress was itself an eloquent indication of the difficulty he has their military methods and had in persuading American equipment. congressional opinion, and pubcongressional opinion, and public opinion at large, to recognize is that, while he and his this truth. Too many have administration are haunted by thought of Central America as a the prespect of a revolutionary place way down below Mexico leftist Mexico, Mexico itself that cannot possibly constitute a threat to our well-being."

He pointed out that El Salvador. - a small faraway country of which we in Europe bean, or does he seek to enlist to Texas than Texas is to Massachusetts; that Nicaragua is as close to Miami and many of the major cities of the southern United States, as they are to Washington; that two-thirds of all the foreign trade and oil traffic pass through the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. In a more important context for his European allies, he said that at least half American supplies for Nato would go through these areas by sea during an emergency.

That is the crux of the matter, which is often lost on the European mind. If the United States becomes primarily preoccupied with the threat posed to its neighbours by revolutionary movements in Central America, and, in particular with the danger of that revolutionary infection spreading to Mexico, leading to a surge of refugees and subversives across the long uncontrollable common border. into the huge and growing

Hispanic population centres may receive further encouragewithin the United States, there ment from the tone of Mr NO EASY EXIT

Nobody is left much the wiser by a hesitant resider to choose progressive illness - to end one's Mr Justice Woolf's response to suicides and indeed its writers the Attorney General's request clearly expect it to do so. On the for a High Court ruling that it is face of it, that would seem to fall for a High Court ruling that it is a crime to distribute the Yolin-under the 1961 Act's prohibition tary Euthanasia Sciety's Guide of any act that "aids, abets, to Self-Deliverance". The good counsels or procures the snicide judge plainly felt acutetly uncomfortable at being put in the exceptional position of being asked to declare that a given action is criminal, as distinct from declaring that it is not. As he rightly says, the answer will depend on the circumstances, the intent and the outcome, and it must be for a jury to-weighthese matters at the time. But it- the victims may look back on a is clear that those distributing few months later with incredthe booklet remain in theory very vulnerable to penalties ranging up to 14 years' imprisonment, under a law framed without regard to the peculiar circumstances of the case, and at

The booklet is addressed to readers who believe that they either are or may one day be in need of information to assist them to end their lives with the least risk of pain, failure or harm to others. It is not disputed that it does so in a responsible way, if the task itself is responsible; it is frank about the grimmer aspects of the act, and it recommends long delay and resort to medical and other advice before the has become widely accepted reader makes a final choice. But today that it is a legitimate if only by diminishing what the exercise of personal freedom to indee collections. judge calls the deterrent of make a cool decision - for ignorance, it may clearly induce instance, in the face of incurable

this area were materially differ-

Central America is a European Europe's needs. Indeed the dilemma too, though for differ- British experience last year ent reasons. So it is important during the Falklands crisis, for European governments to though it had a happy ending, show understanding of the should have provided a suffiintensity of feeling which the ciently salutary warning to all issue excites within the Ameri- America's Nato allies that a they might have different opin- could easily ontweigh an Atlantic

In those circumstances - and In his address to the joint with their shared intelligence session of both Houses of material - the Western allies can Cuban revolution is, and always has been, for export. The same can now be said for Nicaragua. ubiquitous East Germans, and

the prespect of a revolutionary appears to have no such fears for press ahead with his lonely crusade to cauterize the Caribknow little or nothing - is nearer the help of moderate Central American governments, clustered together in the Contadora Group, and work through them towards some kind of diplomatic military and economic settle-

> Hitherto they have stood aside from the United States policy, believing it to be too starkly pinned to the promise of a military victory in El Salvador. That scepticism seemed to survive even the successful election held last year when, as President Reagan pointed out, more than eighty per cent of the electorate voted in defiance of the guerilla threat "Vote Today, Die Tonight". The election did not solve anything, and no further election is likely to do so either. It should be noted, however, that elections are a comparative rarity in that area, particularly among those countries loudest in their criticisms of the United States. None the less the election was an impressive demonstration for peace, which

under the 1961 Act's prohibition of another".

Some such sanction is necess-

ary against those gain evil or irresponsible "individual" influence over victims of emotional crisis. Many suicides and attempted suicides - perhaps most - spring from acute desperation over health, money or personal relationships which ulity and thankfulness that they have survived. One of the most pregnant lights in the character of suicide is the sudden fall of no less than one-third in the British suicide rate the years 1964-70, a period when public attitudes in apparently as a result of the natural gas in the home. If the means are readily to hand, impulse will make use of them; if

not, the crisis is likely to pass. It is not for such cases that the booklet is designed; or if it is, it is designed to persuade then to stop and reflect. The society imposes restrictions intended to confine its circulation to readers with a settled interest in the topic. Without these controls, its position would be far weaker. It

The President expressed the hope for a bipartisan policy. He recalled that President Carter had initially helped the Nicaraguan revolutionary government before it betrayed his trust. He emphasized that three-quarters of American help to El Salvador is economic, and that there was no question of American troops entering the region. He proposed that, subject to verifiable and reciprocal regional arrange-ments, all foreign military ad-visors and troops should be Congress on Wednesday he certainly agree with Mr Reagan visors and troops should be recognized that, even within the that "the Caribbean basin is a withdrawn from the area. He USA, many people find it hard magnet for adventurism". The also recognised that the issues are not simply a contest between those wearing white hats and those wearing black by calling for egy. The fact that he sought the With Cuban help come the a dialogue not just between countries in the region but between groups within each country.

> European governments can echo those sentiments without necessarily endorsing all the actions of the administration within the affected area. Europe has little influence or expertise in the firture. Does he therefore Central America, but what it has should be husbanded. Blind support for the United States, particularly from Britain after the Falklands episode, would do American policy no good, though there is also no case for pursuing the clever ploys, taken for purely internal left-wing consumption, by French policy

makers in the region. Europe should use what influence it has in the area to help moderate Central American governments come forward into a more active role that in turn would take the heat off the United States. There can be no disputing the fact that the stability of Mexico, Columbia, Venezuela and others would suffer gravely if the calculated subversion of the area was seen to succeed. To that extent they too have a vested interest in helping to relieve the United States of some of its preoccupation. The same initiatives taken by the Contadora Group, for instance, could easily prevail where Washington would fail. Smoke is rising from Central America, it must be more sensible to help put out the fire, than to argue about how to do

life. There are danger in this change of attitudes, which the publication of the "Guide" must

tend to reinforce. Useful inhibitions against impulsive suicide are likely to be croded, and (perhaps a greater matter of concern) some disabled or elderly people enxious not to be a burden may be put under greater psychological pressure to carry the idea of self-effacement too far. The judge summarizes the

circumstances in which he considers that it might be an offence to distribute the "Guide". A prosecution could not succeed without proof that a recipient had actually been assisted or encouraged to make an attempt by the booklet. The judge doubts whether it would be a sufficient defence for the distributor to be able to show that he had no individual knowledge of the circumstances of the recipient: a jury might find that a general knowledge that a significant number of recipients would be contemplating suicide provided the necessary proof of intent. The length of time between receipt of the booklet and the suicide might be crucial. It is all highly uncertain, and distinctly arbitrary: so much so that a prosecution would be a lottery scarcely serving the interest of justice. Rather than try the lottery, the Attorney General should consider clarifying matters with fresh legislation, as the Judge virtually invites him to do.

STUNG BELOW THE WATERLINE

The storm that has broken Moscow, but that has done Swedish consciousness. Moreout over Soviet submarines in nothing to madernine the authover, fear mingles with indig-Swedish waters may well prove orisy of a commission chaired by nation over the submarine to be a turning-point in relations so emment a figure as Mr Sven between the two countries, and Andersson, the former defence to be an episode of wider and foreign minister. There will European significance. For years be no disposition in future, as Sweden has been noted as the there has sometimes been, for most outspoken of European Swedes to suspect that their neutrals. Often in the past this navy sights Soviet submarines quality has been irritating to at convenient moments when Nato countries, and especially to the United States. Mr. Olof review. They now have evidence Palme, the Swedish Prime Min- that Soviet submarines have ister, has not been America's illegally entered Swedish terrifavourite foreign politician torial waters on numerous Towards the Soviet Union occasions and have even salled Sweden has frequently given the into Stockholm harbour. impression of being too musting. past, it is so no longer.

and extent of the violations of Swedish territorial waters again. Swedish territorial waters by . This does not mean that the Soviet submarines has come as a "Swedes are about to give up their shock to Swedish politicians and cherished neutrality. There is no to the general public. The possibility of that neutrality is charges have been depied by too deeply ingrained in the

defence expenditure is under

Mr Palme has responded to But if that has been true in the the report with a firm protest to the Soviet Union and a warning The report from a parliamen, that their submarines would be tary commission of the number fired upon if they infringed

disclosures and there is no willingness to take unnecessary risks, either with Swedish or indeed with Finnish security which many Swedes believe would be put in jeopardy if Sweden were to give up its neutrality.

But while Sweden will remainneutral, there may well be a change in the nature of its neutrality, a greater readiness to be publicly critical of the Soviet Union. Sweden has always known throughout the postwar years that any threat to its security would come from the Soviet Union, not from the Nato powers. This episode will have made that threat seem more real. It does not mean that Sweden is about to be invaded, but it does indicate how little respect the Soviet Union has for the legal rights and for the territorial integrity of others.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

activity.

priest

April 27.

Yours faithfully.

A. J. GEORGE,

Surely when that political activity

stems from deep concern for an

issue which goes to the vey core of

man's humanity that is exactly

where one may expect to find a

From Mr Roger Graffley-Smith Sir, Although a "wet" Conservative, I have no doubts as to the wisdom of

opposing the CND philosophy.

However, in the matter of Mgr Kent

your issue of April 27 reveals all too clearly the lack of "tolerance and

respect for another's motivation"

which some Conservative politicians quoted there are encouraged

to display on this issue. Since Cardinal Hume has made

very clear his own and thus

should be no confusion.

History is littered with examples

of men of the cloth speaking out in

defence of moral principles unpalatable and detested by the government of the day. Pastor Niemoller's

archbishop no doubt received similar advice in more recent times.

ing in these matters is to confront

the argument with all the passion

and logic at one's disposal and not

to seek to silence opponents such as Mgr Kent, er even Mrs Ruddock, by

putting pressure on their employers?

Sir, Canon Paul Oestreicher complained (BBC Television News

April 23) that Mr Heseltine had smeared CND by suggesting that a number of its most prominent

leaders had communist or extreme

left tendencies. But the Defence Secretary actually named names,

and CND apologists have made no

refutation of their political affiliations. So where is the

On the other hand, Mr Oestreicher,

speaking on BBC Radio 4 (Today, April 27) asserted that certain politicians had brought enormous pressure to bear on Cardinal Hume

to take action against Mgr Bruce Kent, yet he flatly refused to

identify the offenders. Surely this is

a smear in the best (or worst) political tradition and entirely

characteristic of the pedlars of

some 500 Fellows. It aspires to become for engineering what the 300-year-old Royal Society rep-

resents for science as a whole, a focus of knowledge, excellence and

influence in the service of the

Sir, Now that Royalty has inter-

amount of argument to the contrary, let alone that which emanates from

Hitler himself, can change our

fundamental views on the matter. If it did, the Chief Rabbi would of

course have the dubious satisfaction

of witnessing his warnings justified.

In that event, however, we may as well abandon the study of history as

Sir, As a believer that books are the

one thing in the world of which one

cannot be administered a lethal dosage, I was appalled by the

emotive terms in which Sir Imma-

nuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi

roused us to revulsion against the publication of the so-called Hitler

diaries, "whether they are authentic

If genuine they will certainly illuminate the 1940 s. If fraudulent

they will alert us to the abiding

depravity of the 1980s. When and it

they are published, will he, I

wonder, incite us to burn them?

President, The Fellowship of

extremist philosophies.

GEORGE AUSTIN.

Yours faithfully,

The Vicarage, 19 High Road, Bushey Heath, Watford,

Yours faithfully,

Engineering, 2 Little Smith Street, Westminster, SW1.

From Mr R. F. Ward

question is non-political?

RICHARD F. WARD.

Cricket Field Cottage,

positively dangerous. Yours faithfully,

O. ZAMETICA, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

From Dr Peter Dockwrey

Yours faithfully.

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Tenterden.

April 27.

April 27.

or not".

Yours faithfully,

PETER DOCKWREY.

17a Upper Park Road,

Hampstead, NW3.

CALDECOTE

April 27.

April 27.

ROGER GRAFFTEY-SMITH,

Yours faithfully,

refutation of

⁺smear"?

April 27.

Finsbury Circus House, Biomfield Street, EC2.

From Canon George Austin

Surely the British way of proceed-

mably the Church's view, there

Flat 14, 93 Elm Park Gardens, SW10,

CND and the duties of the cloth

From Mr E. E. Y. Hayles

Sir, The moderation of your leading article, "Campaigner of the cloth"

(April 27) on the matter of Mer Bruce Kent's position in CND will, I

am sure, be welcome to many

Catholics. I am not a member of

CND but, like others, I read what I

can of the arguments for and against it and I have found those of the

Monsignor invariably clear, honest

and cogent, as my acquaintance with

him in other contexts would lead me

Conservative MP for Louth speak-

ing (report, April 27) as doing the

work of the Kremlin seems to me a

smear and altogether unhelpful in this gravest moral and political issue

of human history. Such language invites the rejoinder that those who

continue to pile up the missiles while dragging their feet in the multilateral disarmament talks at Geneva are doing the work of the

Apphody who can remember the

protracted impasse, year after year,

the thirties at Geneva is unlikely to

be surprised by the deadlock

developing there today. Certainly there are serious risks in CND policies as there are in any policies

reached. But at least they are risks

incurred in a cause recognisably

Christian and motivated by a refusa

Sir, On April 6 I wrote to Cardinal Hume and, as a Catholic layman, asked "... is it in order for a priest of the Church to hold office in a

movement such as CND and does

not his connexion with the move-

ment and the consequent publicity

lead the uninformed to believe that

Church actively supports

I went on to express concern that

a member of the priesthood should

what is fast becoming a political

The Cardinal has now pro-

nounced on the issue, such pro-

nouncement being, I suggest, en-

tirely motivated by his very proper concern for the Church and not in

the least by any consideration of a

Sir, In your leading article today (April 27) about the position of Mgr Kent as General Secretary of CND

you say that some priests in some

Sir, I was disappointed to see that in

your issue this morning (April 27) you incorrectly reported on an

address given yesterday by his Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in which he referred to the value and the danger of nuclear

While the substance of Prince

Philip's address was correctly reported, the circumstances were

not His Royal Highness was

opening the "Mantech" Syposium on the Social and Cultural Challenge

of Modern Technology; this sym-

posium was organised by the Fellowship of Engineering of which

Prince Philip is the Senior Fellow. The opening session was held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, but

the institution as a body was not responsible for the symposium.

The Fellowship of Engineering is an interdisciplinary body of engin-

eers with a present membership of

Sir, Should Hitler's diaries be

published or should they, as the Chief Rabbi so forcefully argues

(April 26), be ignored, irrespective of whether or not their authenticity is substantiated?

Sir Immanuel, pleading on the grounds of "morality and truth", points to the fact that the diaries are

calculated to exculpate their evil author. While this is true, it does not

constitute a case against publication.

Inevitably, all diaries, memoirs and other forms of recollection add

up, in varying degrees, to an exercise

in apologia and are treated as such by the historical profession. Yet the

incidental information revealed in

the process is frequently very

In the case of Hitler's "testimony

to posterity" - always assuming that it is genuine - such information,

given its historical context, might

prove to be of extraordinary importance to historians of diplo-

macy, war and ideology. Indeed, it would be immoral not to publish the

digries. For the cause of truth is

certainly not served by the sup-pression of evidence, whatever the

form it takes and whoever produces

character of the Nazi regime. No

Few people doubt the diabolical

Hitler diaries

From Mr O. Zametica

Duke and the bomb

political nature whatsoever.

R. A. KENNEDY.

Derbyshire.

April 27.

41 Avondale Road,

From Mr A. J. George

From Lord Caldecore

actively associate himself with '

to share in guilt for genocide.

From Mr R. A. Kennedy

Yours sincerely

E.E.Y. HALES.

East Martyns,

Church Street, Henfield,

April 27.

CND?

the position we have

the disarmament conferen

To speak of him, as you quote the

to expect.

licence fee From Mr David Elstein

Sir, The implications of cable television for the BBC are far less threatening than Howard Davies (feature. April 26) suggests. The question is: how will the BBC respond?

Ending television

The philosophy which underpins cable's advent is to give the consumer greater choice and the broadcaster greater freedom. If the process of deregulation continues beyond the introduction of cable, the next step is not the abolition of the BBC, but the abolition of the

licence fee. The licence fee's main defect is not, as Mr Davies argues, that it is a regressive form of taxation. The 20p cost of purchasing The Times daily also falls equally on rich and poor alike. The faults of the licence

system lie deeper than that.
First, there is an inherent objection to forcing users of television sets to pay a fee to the BBC irrespective of whether they view BBC programmes. This blem ish is aggravated by the inevitable grudgingness that develops between the BBC and its audience, deriving from the element of compulsion in their relationship. This is unhealthy for both sides.

Secondly, the licence fee is set by politicians. In the recent inflationary past this has left the BBC exposed to the displeasure of Westminster in a way which has diminished public confidence in the BBC's editorial independence.

A solution to both these problems is to allow the BBC to set its own "subscription" level by abolishing the licence fee system. A simple mechanical device would be put on sale at the beginning of each year, which when interposed between the aerial lead and socket of a domestic receiver, would "unscramble" BBC television. The cost of the device could be varied each year.

Licence fee evasion would end, no one would pay for programmes they did not want to watch, and the BBC would recover its freedom. A direct, healthy relationship between consumer and producer would ensue.

Of course, some viewers would choose to do without BBC pro-grammes and decline to buy the device. However, the BBC will scarcely complain at losing such involuntary licence payers. And, given the unchallengeable evidence of what I predict would be extremely high subscription levels, we might all be spared the constant reminders from the BBC about the wonderful value it gives. Yours sincerely

DAVID ELSTÉIN. Brook Productions 2 Newburgh Street, W1. April 26

Trial in South Africa

From Miss Mercy Edgedale Sir, You have reported (April 20) Mr

ing the likely dangers befalling the Rev Beyers Naude should he have been a witness at Mr Mayson's trial in South Africa. Once more we have read stories of torture in South Africa which, to my mind, foul the pages of *The Times*. You have also reported *President Kaunda's dire* warnings of war in Africa if the West does not change its attitude to South Africa. But nowhere do you report the source of this freedom to torture and freedom to support South Africa with financial investment.

They come about through South

Africa's continuing destabilization of her neighbours, a practice she has carried out through military and subversive means since Angola's and Mozambique's independence in

It is the reason why Zimbabwe is suffering as she is today, and because of British firms' (oil companies and financial institutions) constant support of South Africa throughout UDI (through sanction-busting and through mak-ing immense illegal profit) it is they who today carry the burden of

Yours faithfully, MERCY EDGEDALE, 55 Queen's Gate Mews, SW7. April 22.

Uniform opportunities

From Mr A. R. Ritchie

Sir, Recent correspondents (April 20) on the suggestion that unemployed young people should be given the opportunity of a year's military service appear to believe that training in the use of arms will encourage them to turn into armed criminals in future years.

To use a hand-gun, be it a

revolver or automatic, requires only the ability to load it and to press the trigger - hardly something which needs a year's training. The most popular criminal weapon, the shotgun, is not used by HM Forces. I have not noticed a marked tendency towards armed violence in

those trained in the use of firearms in past conflicts: most of us were only too pleased to get rid of our armaments. Yours faithfully,

A. R. RITCHIE, Whitelilies, Ramsden Heath, Billericay, Essex. April 20.

War-torn Iraq

From the Ambassador of Iraq Sir, The Times has published on April 14 an article by Helga Graham about which we wish to clarify

certain points. The Iraqi military forces not only halt the occasional Iranian attacks but also crush the Iranian military machine with a view to putting an end to its threat to Iraq and the Arabian Gulf.

Iraq, contrary to what is said by Helga Graham, still possesses the military initiative, but Iraq has more

consideration for human life than the rulers of Iran who, in refusing peace, try to fortify their precarious position while sending mere children to inevitable death or capture at best.

Another point which Helga Graham has made a mistake about is the position of the Kurds in Iraq. They share in actual fact in the constitutional structure of the state both in the legislative and the executive bodies as well as in autonomous Kurdistan, all within the framework of an Iraqi state.

ations by outlaws, describing them as guernila activities. They are in reality nothing more than individual cases of neither consequence nor -impact

As to the reduction of the salaries of civil servants and officers by 20 per cent, she must have been talking about another country, for in Iraq nothing of the sort has happened.

Yours faithfully. WAHBI AL-QARAGULI. Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, 21 Queen's Gate, SW7. April 15. She has mentioned some oper-

Telephone users situations are driven by moral fervour into the heart of political unprotected

From Mr P. B. Matthews

Sir, Bernard Levin (April 20) would like British Telecom "to honour the contract" between them and himself in respect of telephone services. Would that there were one! In such a case one might sue for breach of contract and recover damages for losses suffered thereby.

But our wise and far-seeing Parliament has effectively insulated the public telephone service from anything so obnoxious as being liable to customers for not doing that which it is bound to do, by preventing contracts from arising at all. Services are rendered and charges are made under statutory schemes which avoid there being any contract. Further, liability in tort for causing loss to customers through (for example) failure of or delay in a telecommunication service is, by a thoughtful Legislature, expressly excluded.

This was the position under the Labour Government's Post Office Act 1969, and is equally the position under the free market-loving Tory Government's British Telecommunications Act 1981. Admittedly the new Act deems there to be a contract in relation to the hire of apparatus and to the insertion of certain special entries in directories, but in general it remains the case that no customer has a contract with British Telecom for telecommunications services.

Thus, not only may the corporation insult Mr Levin by ignoring his requests, but the courts are all but powerless to help him. How can a Government pledged to the free market economy justify such comprehensive protection for an organisation enjoying an effective monopoly?

Yours faithfully, PAUL MATTHEWS, Faculty of Laws, University College London, 4-8 Endsleigh Gardens, WC1.

From Mrs Margaret A. Mills Sir, Pass the broken phone Mr Levin (feature, April 20), I shall be next behind you in the queue. My daughter was married last Saturday. April 16, and British Telecom has hit on the novel idea of spreading the happiness of the occasion over a longer period.

They delivered the telemessages, handed in last week for the reception on Saturday, on several days this week. The third one arrived by the second post on Wednesday, April 20; this despite a guarantee of delivery by first-class post the next

The Post Office has joined in, too. With the same happy intention of spreading happiness around they have left parcels containing wedding presents on the doorstep in order that passers-by can help themselves and so join in the general rejoicing. ours faithfully,

MARGARET A. MILLS, Eden House, 7 Eden Close Thorpe St. Andrew. Norwich, Norfolk.

Fading in the hills

From Mr D. B. Walters

Sir, Dr M. Hughes (April 8) fears that poor examination results by some 15-year-olds in Wales stem from the misguided devotion of resources to the preservation of Welsh and supports this view from Tim Jones's report on March 25, which quoted briefly from the vened in the nuclear debate, should it not be acknowledged that the surveys of the Assessment of Performance Unit (APU).

APU sample surveys recognize that a number of "background variables" affect performance; one of these is *fluency*, in mother tongue or second language. But APU surveys in Wales on mathematical and linguistic ability conclude that there is no statistically significant difference in numeracy or literacy between first and second language users (see e.g. Ist Report on [Secondary School] Language Performance, 1982, paras, 5.11 and 6.10). On the contrary, three variables govern good results, in Wales as elsewhere: a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:25 or better, a non-metropolitan catchment area; and one that is relatively affluent (measured by the numbers taking free school meals).

Although CSE and GCE results are not the sole test of ability at 15+, high failure rates reflect discreditably on our school system. That does not justify the Language Freedom Movement (on whose behalf Dr Hughes presumably writes: see his letter to you of June 6, 1977) claiming that APU surveys support its hostility to Welsh-medium and bilingual education.

If the APU criteria are sound, it is on long-standing governmental neglect of industrial Wales, not on zeal for Ysgolion Cymraeg, that Dr Hughes should lay the blame.

Yours faithfully, D. B. WALTERS, Cambridge Street, Edinburgh 1. April 27.

Hard-boiled

April 25.

From Mr J. P. Wilton Sir, I was intrigued to read in today's Nature notes (April 25) that the wren hen lays six minute eggs. Presumably the tiny creature is trying to ingratiate itself; but it should be aware that four minutes is long enough for any egg, let alone a red-spotted one.

If this is an example of avian motherhood, I am thankfully yours, beakless, J. P. WILTON. London House. Meckienburgh Square, WC1.

Luncheons

Cortners' Company

entertained at luncheon at the

college Sir Gerald Thorley, Mr M. N. Menzies-Wilson and Mr Lorimer

The Loriners Company held a Court luncheon yesterday at Founders Hall. The Master, Councillor Norman N. Freedman.

presided and the other speakers were the Under Warden, Mr Arthur

J. Gunton, and Mr S. J. Rowbotham. The guests included the Archdeacon of London, Colonel

I. A. Ferguson and Commissioner G. D. McLean.

Association Mr J. G. Dilliway, president, was in

the chair at the annual luncheon of the Diesel Engineers and Users Association held at the Porter Tun

Rooms vesterday. The principal speakers were Mr Diamuid Downs

At the Doctor of the Year luncheon

At the Doctor of the Year Intention held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday the Chairman of the BUPA Medical Foundation. Mr Stanley Glynn, presided, Citations were read by Dr Bryan Lewis and the awards presented by Lord Wigoder, QC, Chairman of BUPA. The principal speaker was the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Blackburn.

Memorial services

The Queen was represented by the Marquess of Cholmondeley at a memorial for the Earl of Ancaster

held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday, Princess Alice Duchess of

Gloucester, Patron of the British

Gloucester, Patron of the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, was represented by Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Angus Ogilvy. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by the Rev G. T. Roberts, who led the prayers, Lady Williambley de Exerbs (doughter)

Willoughby de Eresby (daughter) and Mr Philip Grimes, Agent for the

Grimsthorne Estate Bourne, Lin-

coinshire, read the lessons. The Speaker was represented by Mr Bernard Weatherill, MP. Others

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Mr and Mrs M J Babingion-Smith, Miss
Lucy Astor, Mr Jack Boles (Viational Trust).

Mr and Mrs David Astor, Mrs Peter Cazalet,
Mr John Lowther, Mr Richard Astor, Mr
John Partridge, Mr Archie Stirling of Ker,
Mrs R Sheithrooke, Mr Mark Richard
Norman, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Ridley. Mr
and Mrs Robert Armstrong.

Mr Peter Ryde, Mr and Mrs William

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs

Nigel Hodges was christened Sophie Louisa by Canon Anthony Caesar in

the Chanel Royal, St. James's Palace

Christening

The Earl of Ancaster

Diesel Engineers and Users

and Mr Peter Rost, MP.

Doctor of the Year



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 28: The Queen was represented by the Marquess of Cholmondeley (Lord Great Chamberlain) at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ancaster (formerly Lord Great Chamberlain) which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 28: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the Scottish National Memorial David Livingstone Trust this morning laid a wreath on the grave of David Livingstone in Westmin-

The Hon Mrs John Mulholland Connaught Rooms. and Captain Alastair Aird were in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 28: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott at the Memorial Service for The Earl of Ancaster which was held in St Margaret's. Westminster, today, The Duke of Gioucester was

present at the Ayrshire Agricultural Association Show in Ayr today. His Royal Highness also visited Burns Cottage and the Robert Burns Museum at Alloway Village.

The engagement is announced

between Christian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Scahill, York

Villa. Westbourne Gardens, Hove, and Susan, elder daughter of Sir Richard B. 183, Park Square West.

and Mrs Dodie Leach, of 49

Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint,

The engagement is announced

between John, elder son of the late

V. M. Hill, RA, and of Mrs

Forthcoming

Mr C. L. Scahill and Miss S. J. Bayliss

and Miss S. Bentley

marriages

Dr B. W. Holbrook

of Blackheath, and Diana Rowley, of Greenwich. Mr M. C. Isaacs and Miss N.-F. Woolf

The engagement is announced between Martin Charles, son of Dr and Mrs S. L. Isaacs, of London, NW4, and Nadia-France, daughter of Mr and Mrs L G. Woolf, of London, NW8.

London, d Constance Lady Bayliss, Cell Farm Cottage, Loughton, Milton Keynes. The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Pelly, of Lansdown, Bath. The engagement is announced between Francis, eldest son of the late Sir Keith Showering and of and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. N. Hair, of Wylam. Northumber-Lady Showering, of Sharcombe Park, Dinder, Wells, Somerset, and

Herr A. S. J. Schoft Suki, daughter of Mr John Bentley, of Old Church Street, London, SW3. and Miss C. M. Clark The engagement is announced between Andreas, younger son of the late Dr H. G. Schoft and of Frau A. Schoft, of Munich, West Germany, and Catriona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. L. Clark, of 19 Offley Road, SW9.

Mr J. M. Weldin and Miss F. J. Nesbitt

Millfield School

and Miss C. M. H. Goodall

The following have been awarded academic and music scholarships at Millifield School from September.

Academic scholers: Carolyn Cooke
Millfield Junior School: Peter Gazkell
Millfield Junior School: Nicholas Maddeck
Millfield Junior School: Jonathan Manntng
Halleybury Junior School: Mark Seymour
Millifield Junior School: Tarquin Stipley
The Red House, Norton-on-Tees: Timoths
Wytes, Millifield Junior School: thy Cronto. St a ecnool, Port Talbot: Catherine for, Poltair School, St. Austell; Alice n. Cotham Grammar School, Bristot: Lassam. The Wyvern School, h; Rachel Sufton, Pimileo School, Marie Turner. Kingdown School, neler.

a substantial number of bursarie have been awarded for the coming academic year.

Bishop appointed

The Venerable Arthur Henry Attwell. Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, has been appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man, in succession to the Right Rev Vernon Sampson Nicholls who is resigning on May 31.

His Royal Highness travelled in The Prince and Princess of Wales an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

President of the Royal London Society for the Blind, this afternoon opened new Dorton House, Sevenoaks, Kent. The Hon Mrs Munro was in

attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST. JAMES'S PALACE April 28: The Duke of Kent, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, this morning attended the Convocation of Grand Chapter and invested Grand Officers at Freemasons' Hall, His Royal Highness later lunched with the Grand Chapter Club in the

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 28: Princess Alexandra was present at the Tenth Annual Luncheon of the Appeals Com-mittee, Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, at Grosvenor Bouse, London, Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox

was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ancaster which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

The marriage will take place tomorrow between Brian Holbrook.

Mr A. J. Pelly and Miss J. C. Hair

L. H. M. Hill. of The Flying Chariot.
Hadleigh. Suffolk. and Caroline,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter
Goodall, of Mill Bank House, High
Flatts, Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced
between Michael, elder son of Mr
and Mrs J. G. Weldin, of Churt.
Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of Mr
and Mrs J. H. Nesbitt, of Bath. L. H. M. Hill, of The Flying Chariot, Hadleigh. Suffolk, and Caroline,

Marriage

Mr P. D. Sandeman and Miss K. G. Fuller

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, 1983 at St Mary's Church, Castle Eaton, of Mr Patrick David Sandeman, son of Mr D. P. Sandeman, of Bolney, Sussex, and of Mrs Teresa Sandeman, of Redcliffe Gardens, London, and Miss Katherine Georgina Fuller, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Fuller, of Castle Eaton,

Birthdays today

Mr Sydney Box, 76; Sir John Cox, 83; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, 59; Sir John Llewellyn, 68; Mr Rod McKuen, 50; Mr Zubin Mehta, 47; Sir Fraser Noble, 65; the Hon Jacob Rothschild, 47: Mr Rudolf Schwarz 78: Mr Jeremy Thorpe, 54: Mr David Tindle, 51: Sir Peter Youens, 67; Mr Fred Zinneman, 76.

Gift for cathedrals The cathedrals of Glouceste Hereford and Worcester have each will open an exhibition. The Sutton Place, Guildford on May 17. The Prince of Wales will open the new building of the London Business School, Regent's Park, on May 26.

Princess Anne will attend the Variety Club of Great Britain's luncheon at the Hilton International hotel on June 7. Princess Anne will visit Cumbria on

June 28. Princess Anne will visit Essex on July 28. The Princess of Wales will open the

new Grimsby District General Hospital on July 26. Princess Alexandra will be present at the reception for the first Sir John Keswick Memorial Lecture, in aid of Phab (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied), at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Lon-

The Emperor of Japan is 82 today.

Camden will be held on Wednesday May 4, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks at noon.

General Sir Charles Gairdner will be held today at 2.30 at the Royal



The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Rev Thomas Winning, with the Loving Cup, awarded each year by the city to those who bring honour to Glasgow. Archbishop Winning helped to organize last year's papal visit to Britain.

Latest wills

Mr John Downes Sampson, of Goring-by-Sea. West Sussex, accountant, left estate valued at £380,706 net. He left all of his property to the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association. Other estates include (net, before

Abu-Issa, Mr Abdul Salam Mohammed, of Qatar and Tedding-ton, London, estate in England and Ella. North Humberside

Hughes, Mr Berwyn Lloyd, of mouth £215,801 Yeabsley, Sir Richard Ernest, of shire, master printer£208,171
Smith, Mr James William, of Skegness, Lincolnshire£258,635 Taylor, Mr Laurence Claude, of Exmouth Devon £277,881
Woodall, Mrs Jane Elizabeth, of Holmes Chapel, Cheshire...£228.508

Dinners

Two Cities Dining Club Royal College of Surgeons of England
Professor Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP., ac-companied by Mrs Jenkin was the

guest of honour at a dinner of the Two Cities Dining Club held at the St Ermin's Hotel yesterday. Mr Kenneth Dibben presided.

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club The annual dinner of The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club was held vesterday at the Institute of Directors, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, Chairman, presided, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, proposed the toast of the guests and the guest of honour, Lord Orr-Ewing, replied.

Conference for Independent Further Education The annual conference for Independent Further Education was held in Tonbridge last weekend. At the conference dinner Dr. R. M. W. Rickett, Director of the Middlesex Polytechnic, was guest of honour and replied to the toast to the guests proposed by the chairman-elect, Mr Richard Smart. Guests included: Mrs R M W Rickelt. Professor and Mrs D W Bowert. Mr A O H Oulck Gleadmaster of Bradfield College, the Headmaster of Torbridge School and Mrs C H D Everett. Dr W A Homes-Walker (Skinners): Company). and Mr P Coon mean of the European Statingest Below).

Royal Automobile Club At the annual dinner of the Chess Circle of the Royal Automobile Club held last night Mr Harry Golombek presented the Hamilton Russell Trophy, competed for by some of the West End clubs, to Mr Roger Smolski, captain of the RAC

The dinner was chaired by Mr H. JATE

Fisheries Company), Mr Basil Deeth toresident, Interpational Cun Dog League), 6th Petilis Dixon (national chalment, BLESMA) and Mr Dixon. Mr John Mumphris and Mr Petir Duffield (Travers Smith, Mr Geries Baues Vecta) and Mrs John Branker (Wing Fellowship Truct).

Mr V. Bartlett Mr V. Bartiett
The Speaker was represented by Mr
Ernest Armstrong, MP, at a service
of thanksgiving for the life of Mr
Vernon Bartlett held at St Bride's,
Fleet Street, yesterday. Prebendary
Dewi Morgan officiated, assisted by
the Rev Peter Clarke, Mr John Wing
read from The Rock by T. S. Elling read from The Rock by T. S. Elliot and Mr Leonard Miall gave an address. Mr Edward Heath, MP, attended and others present in-

Brigadier H. S. Hopkinson A memorial service for Brigadier Harry Sutherland Hopkinson was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday. The Rev J. S. Westmuckett officiated, assisted by the Rev David Ashburner. Mr Christopher Hopkinson (son) read the lesson and Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave gave an address. Among those present were:

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Mrs Hopkinson (widow). Mr and Mrs Timotty Hills ison-in-law and dauryher). June at the son-in-law and dauryher. June at the son-in-law and ssier-in-law). Mrs Charles Banks. Maior-General Lord Mchael Fizalian Howard (Colonel. The Life Guards), Lord Fairbawen. Lady Walevan, Colonel the Hom Julian and Mrs Borry. Leuterant-Colonel Sir James Scotl. General Sir Desmond Fizalization of the Sir James Scotl. General Sir Desmond Fizalization (General Sir Mestrice). Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith. Lady (Rov) Redarane. Major and the Hon Mrs E de Liste, Major-General and the Hon Mrs D J Tabor. abor.

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hands), Brigadier S C Cooper, Srigadier J
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old Cavairy, Archdeacon John Youens,
he Rev W Gazechrook, Nr and Mrs P
e Rev M Gazechrook, Nr and Mrs P Hayward, Miss Helen Hayward, Mrs D W Hayward, Miss Helen Hayward, Mrs Edmund Hayward, Mrs M Hayward, Mrs Edmund Hayward, Mrs M Hayward, Colonel and Mrs Arthur Gooch, Mr Anthory Shink, Colonel D H S I. Martiand-Titterbn, Mr P M Sveleigh (Avimo), the Rev W Thomas, Lieutenant-Colonel D Meadon, Mr J M W Chadwick (Curlet Church Besgien), Mr K R Wing (Oxion's Besgien), Lieutenant-Colonel R J Mackeness, Colonel and Mrs Derck Claphan and Lieutenant-Colonel David Williamon.

Builders Merchants'

Company The following officers of the Builders Merchants Company have been elected to serve for the year from October 19, 1983: Master, Mr Michael A Wright; Senior Warden, Mr Maurice H Vinden; Junior Warden, Mr John S Faulder, Keeper of the Roll, Mr David B Wilson.

president of the Hochschule der Bundeswehr, and Colonel M. R. Vernon Powell, Commandant, Latest appointments

Mr W. R. Hartston and Mr R. G. Wade attended as guests. Mr D. K.

Birley was presented with the Sir Clarence Sadd Cup as winner of the major interclub competition.

RNC Greenwich At a mess dinner held at the Royal

Navai College, Greenwich yesterday members of the staff of the Commander in Chief, Naval Home

Command were entertained as the

principal guests. Commander A. H. F. Wilks, RN, president of the mess, welcomed the staff and Captain A.

A. Waugh, RN, responded on their

Royal Corps of Transport The Director General of Transport and Movements, Major-General W.

M. Allen, held a dinner last night at

Regent's Park Barracks Officers'

Mess. The principal guests were: Lieutenant-General Sir Paul Trav-

ers, Major-General Harold I Small, US Army, Colonel J. E. Stallard, US Army, and Mr E. W. B. Lewis.

Chief Scientist (Army) Pool of

Technical Staff and Technical

Intelligence Staff Officers (TA)
Officers of the Chief Scientist
(Army) Pool of Technical Staff and

Technical Intelligence Staff Officers (TA), held their annual dinner

yesterday at the Offiziersheim, Neubiberg, Munich, West Germ-

any. Lieutenant-Colonel B. D. McCulloch presided. The guests included Professor R. Wienecke,

Service dinners

Latest appointments include: Mr Peter Unwin to be Ambas to Hungary, in succession to Mr B.
G. Cartledge who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appoint

Mr Richard Lawrence to be music director of the Arts Council in succession to Dr Basil Deane, who is to be director of the Hongkong Academy of the Performing Arts. Lord Romsey to be chairman of Solent Cablevision the consortium which plans to provide cable television in part of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Professor R. O. C. Norman FRS, of York University, to be Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of

Legal Mr Christopher Hord 3,QC to be a Circuit Judge on the South-eastern Circuit

The following to be Recorders on the South-eastern Circuit:

Mr P. C. Bowsher, QC, Mr P. N. Brandt, Mr H. Brooke, QC. Mr H. B. H. Cartisle, QC, mr G. H. Coombe, QC, Mr E. J. R. Crowther, Mr K. M. Devlin, Mr W. R. Fitch, Mr P. J. Halnan, Mr G. E. Heggs, Mr R. A. Henderson, QC, Major-General Sir David Hughes-Morgan, Mr M. J. Hyam, Mr P. J. E. Jackson, Mr T. Lawrence, Mr M. E. Lewer, QC, Mr L. J. Libbert, QC, Mr R. H. Lownie, Mr H. J. Montlake, Mr T. R. G. F. Ryland, Mr R. J. Southan, Mr N. Taylor, QC, Mr C. J. M. Tyrer, Mr E. G. Wrintmore.

University news

The Rev Vivian Green, Sub-Rector of Lincoln College, has been elected Rector of the college in succession to Lord Trend, who retires in September after 10 years.

September after 10 years.

A wards

Maxwell prize for law moderations, 1983: J J

Harris, St Peter's College: Brian Johnson prize
in pathology, 1982: divided between R Gundle,
BA, St Catherine's College (two thinds) and
Lesley A Ayling, BA, New College; (mo thinds) and
Lesley A Ayling, BA, New College; (mo thinds)
Cyrll Johnson memorial prize, 1983: Ratiseta S

M Gunner, Wachsen College; Mrs Claude
Beddington modern lenguages prize, 1983: M
J Trivelyan, Brasanose College; Andrew Colin
prize, 1983: M J Trevelyan; Marjora Countees
of Warwick travelling bursany, 1983: Alzon M
Clark, Critet Church; Sr John Rhys
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Elections
EXETER COLLEGE: To homorary leilowahigs: Professor J M Ashworth, DSc. Sir James Gowans, FRS. J F Leddy, MA, DPHI, G Robertson, MA.

ST HILDA'S COLLEGE: To a McBrath funder research fellowship for two years from October, 1983; Miss Pensione M Coult MA OPHI Lond: to a Julia Mann lumber research reflowship for two years from October, 1983; Miss Pensione M Coult Ma OPHI Lond: to a Julia Mann lumber research reflowship for two years from October, 1984; Mrs Dorothy Venables, BSc (see) MSC (Londs) To lectureships: In modern history for two years from October, 1983; Pspurr, BA: in English for one year from October, 1983; Mrs Lyndall F Cordon, MA (PPI) Columbia: By sollies for two years from Mrs Lyndall F Cordon, MA (PPI) Columbia: By sollies for two years from Schoolmestress sludenthibs. or Hilary Term, 1984; Mrs Shella B Hoolee (BA Lond), head of Classics, Kendrick School, Reading, for Trinity Term, 1984; Miss Shella B Hoolee (BA Lond), head of Classics, Kendrick School, Reading, for Trinity Term, 1984; Miss Shella B Hoolee (BA Lond), head of Classics, Kendrick School, Reading, for Trinity Term, 1984; Miss Bella B Hoolee (BA Lond), head of Classics, Kendrick School, Reading, for Trinity Term, 1984; Miss Shella B Hoolee (BA Lond), head of Classics, Kendrick School, Reading, for one year from October, Nicoleeke C Jones, BA, St Hilds's, College, Nicoleeke C Jones, BA, St Hilds's,

the alleged offender had the

necessary intent, that is, he intended the booklet to be used by someone

contemplating suicide and intended

that person would be assisted by the

that intention he distributed the

booklet to such a person who was assisted or encouraged by reading

OBITUARY Mutkin and Mr H. Golombek:

COUNT RUCELLAI Preservation of Florentine palazzo

Mr John Bury writes: Many English and American

risitors to Florence will remember with affection Bernardo Rucellai, for the past thirty years head of the ancient family of that name, who died on April 23 at the age of 84. Conscious of his responsi-

bilities as owner of the celebrated town house designed by Leon Battista Alberti, in which his family had lived continuously since it was built in the mid 15th century, he devoted a large part of his energies and resources to its preservation. with the loyal support of his wife, his sister and his younger brother. The erosion of the sandstone facade had gone dangerously far, but thanks to determined efforts the deterioration was arrested and the crumbling surface stabilized; so that lovers of Florence and admirers of Renaissance architecture will in future generations unknowingly owe him and his family a great debt of gratitude.

In his conscientious devotion to the traditions of his family he followed the example of his mother, the American beiress Edith Bronson, who had suc-cessfully reacquired several Rucellai properties alienated in

previous generations.

Perhaps the most notable event in the gradual process of recovering former possessions was the purchase by Count Rucellai from the heirs of Lord moral precepts known as the

Zibaldone, followed by a series of studies by leading Renaissance scholars, were published by the Warburg Institute in 1960 and 1982. The appearance of these volumes, which provide a unique insight into the mind of a Quattrocento Florentine patrician, was made poss-ible by the help and encouragement given at every stage by

Count and Countess Rucellai. Socially, Bernardo Rucellai quietly, and with a dry, gentle humour, supported his talented and versatile wife Christina (nee Niccolini), renowned for her artistic sensibilities, charm and vivacity as a hostess. He exemplified the old fashioned Italian gentleman and could well be described as an "original in our time".

The ruling principles which guided his life were a sense of duty and piety, in the best sense of that word. This piety was expressed not only through being a devout Catholic, who read and inwardly digested the works of St Thomas Aquinas, but also by his integrity, his generosity and his loyalty to his country his native city, his family and his friends.

His Tuscan patriotism sometimes came out in surprizing ways. Motoring in Florence some years ago he was held up by road works and heard one of the road menders swearing. Getting out of his car he went up to the man and said to him: Sir, we are Tuscans, so have to Westbury of the collection of set an example of good speech. observations, memoirs and That is our duty, so we shouldn't use swear Zibaldone compiled by his however cross we may feel or ancestor Giovanni, builder of however provoking the circumthe family house, and of the stances". This was said in so facade of the Rucellai family serious yet friendly a tone that church of Santa Maria Novel- the road mender apologized. lae, and patron and friend of thanked him and promised to eon Battista Alberti.

Substantial parts of this in future.

MR CHARLES CLEMENTS

Huw Ceredig writes: The death has occurred at the age of 84 of Charles Henry Clements, MBE, FRCO, who retired in 1963 after 44 years' service to the Music Department of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, He was first appointed in 1919 as Assistant to the then Gregynog Professor of Music, Sir Walford Davies, became a Lecturer in 1926 and Senior Lecturer in 1954. In the meantime he had served as Acting Head of Department from 1948 to 1950. Charlie Clements, as he was

known to generations of Welsh musicians and music-lovers, was born in Aberystwyth in 1898 and only rarely and reluctantly left that town. His musical education was of

the sound small-town variety until his horizons became broadened by the arrival of a group of Belgian professional musicians in Aberystwyth as First World War evacuces. Their influence seems to have propelled an immensely tal-ented schoolboy (whose homefrom-home for some years was at the piano in the local silentmovie house) to a Lafontaine Prize of the Royal College of Organists, twice over, before he was out of his teens.

Given Charlie Clement's unassuming nature and complete lack of worldly ambition it was inevitable that for a halfcentury and more he should

occupy a central position in Welsh musical life while being taken largely for granted by those whom he served. A notable exception exists in the case of Siloh Chapel, Aberystwith, where Charlie Clements was appointed organist in 1917, where he designed and supervised the construction of a new instrument, and where both the fortieth and fiftieth anniversaries of his tenure were fittingly celebrated. During these years he applied the same care and professionalism to the accompaniment of a six-year-old singer in a children's service as to that of any visiting celebrity.

Charlie Clements worked with almost every singer of distinction of that era and with many of the postwar period also; among the instrumentalists who appreciated his work was the renowned violinist Jelly d'Aranyi, who more than once tried unsuccessfully to persuade Charlie to travel as her accompanist. He worked with Adolf Brodsky (the first violinist to perform the Tchaikovsky concerto) towards the end of his career and with Gwyneth Jones towards the outset of hers.

His first of very many broadcasts as solo pianist, accompanist and organist was made from Cardiff in 1924. No one at Aberystwyth, and few in the whole Principality, have given more to Welsh musical

MR C. G. HOLLAND-MARTIN

Mr Cyril George Hollandplayed a leading role in the technical development of British Tabulating Machine Com-Overbury, Worcestershire.

Born on April 23, 1902, he was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. Having gained experience in several major engineering companies on both sides of the Atlantic, he joined BTM at Letchworth in 1933, becoming the director responsible for research and development in 1951 until his retirement in 1964. He therefore participated in the huge and rapid changes as data processing evolved from the punch card era to the computer age. He was instrumental in the founding of the European Computer Manufacturers Association in 1961,

During his Oxford days, he became intrigued by three emerging sports: skiing, ocean-racing and flying. He was one of the original members of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (founded by his cousin, George Martin) and over the next half century he sailed with leading yachtsmen in all the United Kingdom ocean races, including the Fastnet, as well as the Bermuda race, crossing the

Atlantic to do so. He was also an active member of the Ocean Cruising Club.

Emanuel Wax, author, thea-

come not as a result of the granting of a declaration but from the limited assistance given in the course of the One happy consequence was that

both parties would be at liberty to appeal and no doubt as a result of such an appeal all would be made clear. If it was not, only Parliament could provide the answer.

the booklet to attempt to take or to take his own life. Otherwise the alleged offender could not be guilty of more than an attempt. If those facts could be proved, then it did not make any difference that the person would have tried to commit suicide anyway. Nor did it make any difference that the information was already in the public domain. becoming its first president.

The distinguishing feature between innocent and guilty distribution was that in the former case the distributor would not have the necessary intent while in the latter case he would. In each case, it would be for a jury to decide whether the necessary facts were Difficulties were created by granting any form of declaration to the Attorney General. However, since the supply of the booklet could

amount to an offence, the respondents could not be granted a declaration that no offence was

cast by the BBC.

No declaration had been pro-duced which would not have the effect of indicating an offence had offence would have been committed and having examined the facts and the law, there was no form of declaration that it would be appropriate to grant.

Any clarification of the law had to

committed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor Simons Muirhead Allan & Burton.

Parallel with these maritime Martin, who for some 30 years activities he learnt to fly, owning his own aircraft, and becoming a member of the Royal Auxilliary Air Force. pany Ltd. (which later became When the Second World War International Computers Ltd.), broke out he joined the R.A.F., died on April 12 at his home in attaining the rank of squadron leader.

In 1940 he was posted to Canada to train British airmen. and then returned to Britain in 1943 for other duties. Because of his knowledge of data processing, he was consulted in the early stages over the setting up of the system at Bletchley which was used to decipher the Enigma Code.

Cyril Holland-Martin was the last surviving of the six sons of Robert and Eleanor Holland-Martin (of the Martins banking family), and his death ends a family generation who made a marked impact on such diverse fields as banking computers, the Royal Navy, agriculture, politics, horse-racing and sail-

in community affairs he was Chairman of the Juvenile Bench at Hitchin, and after his retirement to Worcestershire he became a magistrate at Evesham. He was active in Worcester diocesan affairs, and was a trustee of the Tewkesbury Abbey Lawn Trust. In 1933 he married Rosa

Chadwyck-Healey; he is survived by her, two of his three sous and his daughter.

EMANUEL WAX

trical manager and literary agent, known in the profession as Jimmy Wax died in Ramsbury on April 23 in his seventy-second year. Born in London on May 1, 1911, he took a First Class degree in Law at New College, Oxford, and combined a legal practice with writing and translating plays from the French. With Rudolf Cartier he wrote Murder in the Studio, one of the first-original

Intelligence and later in the legal division of 21 Army Group in Germany, He formed his own agency

(ACTAC Ltd) commissioning new drama, and representing such authors as Christopher Fry and Harold Pinter, and presented plays in the provinces and London, sometimes under his own management.

Most recently he served as a director of H. M. Tennant Ltd. television dramas to be broadwhile promoting film and television production on both During the war he served in sides of the Atlantic.

on Saturday, April 23, 1983. The godparents are Mr David Hodges, Mr Jeremy Palmer, Miss Marie-Louise Palmer, Mrs David Pritfrom an anonymous benefactor in British Columbia who visited the Garcia, Mr William Henry, of Louise Palmer, Mrs David Fine-Cranleigh Surrey......£446,136 chard and Miss Caroline Robertson. cathedrals many years ago during a Three Choirs Festival,

Court refuses to declare suicide booklet unlawful

Law Report April 29 1983 Queen's Bench Division

Attorney General v Able and case for the court to exercise its

Before Mr Justice Woolf

[Judgment delivered April 28] The Attorney General was refused declarations in the Queen's Bench Division that the supply of a booklet entitled A Guide to Self Deliverance in specified circum-stances was an offence under section 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961 since that would amount to declaring that future conduct was criminal when that conduct was not clearly in contravention of the criminal law and when in each case the jury would have to decide whether the

necessary facts were proved. The Attorney General claimed by an originating summons declar-ations against the defendants who were members of the executive committee of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, publishers of the

Section 2(1) of the 1961 Act provides: "A person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the suicide of another, or an attempt by another to commit suicide, shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not

exceeding fourteen years".

Mr Simon D. Brown and Mr Stephen Aitchison for the Attorney General; Mr Geoffrey Robertson and Mr Andrew Nicoll for the members of the society.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that her Majesty's Attorney General applied for a declaration that in specified circumstances the distribution of a booklet entitled A Guide to Self Deliverance which was ' ed by the Voluntary Euthanasia Society was unlawful as being either an offence or an attempted offence under section 2(1) of the

Suicide Act 1961. The society was an unincorporated association of members and its purpose included working for the legalization of voluntary cuthanasia. The respondents to the proceedings who were members of the executive committee of the society, contended that this was not a proper

jurisdiction to grant declaratory relief since it was for the criminal courts to apply the criminal law and if the law was unclear the proper body to clarify the law was Parliament and not the courts. They also submitted that the distribution of the booklet was not unlawful.

The booklet was first distributed in June 1981 and there had since been a considerable demand for it. His Lordship was aware of the serious debate as to whether or not serious debate as to whether or not voluntary cuthanasia should be legalized but was not in any way concerned with the morality of voluntary cuthanasia or the morali-ty of publishing and distributing the booklet. The court's sole concern was with the legal issues between the parties and the lawfulness of distributing the booklet.

No suggestion had been made on behalf of the Attorney General that if it was lawful to distribute the booklet, there was anything objec-tionable about the form or contents of that booklet. If it was appropriate to distribute a booklet dealing with how to end one's life, then the booklet provided a satisfactory treatment which it would not be

easy to improve upon. The booklet could deter a would-be suicide but it would in many cases assist the recipient to commi succeed in doing so. His Lordship referred to extracts from the bookles in some detail in order to give effect to the balanced nature of its contents, although its full effect could only be obtained by reading it

His Lordship went on to deal with the question of the propriety of the civil courts granting declaratory relief in cases involving the criminal law. He accepted that there could be circumstances where it was appropriate to give declaratory relief. If it was open to a private individual to obtain such relief in exceptional circumstances, it was certainly open to the Attorney General to do so since his right to

seek the assistance of the civil courts

in upholding the criminal law had been fully recognized: see Attorney General v Bastow ([1957] 1 QB 514). There were, however, differences between the present case and other cases where declaratory relief had been granted in aid of the criminal law. Declarations were being sought not that certain conduct was not

to future distributions of the booklet and it was a real possibility that if a declaration was granted, but despite that, further distributions took place, there could be a criminal prosecution That made it particularly important that the court should bear in mind the danger of usurping the jurisdiction of the criminal courts.

The declarations were addressed

The Attorney General was in a position to obtain declarations as to the law from the Court of Appeal Criminal Division on an Attorney General's reference. However, while the count's

decision on such references fre-quently clarified the law, the court did so in relation to specific facts which were before it. Furthermore, if a court declared what enduct would be criminal, it might be performing exactly the task which the jury would have to perform at a criminal trial. If a court ruled that conduct was not criminal. it was performing a similar function to the judge at a criminal trial who

stopped the case on a submission of no case to answer. While recognizing the advantages of the application of the law being clear in relation to future conduct it would only be proper to grant a declaration if it was clearly established that there was no risk of treating conduct as criminal which was not clearly in contravention of was not clearly in contravention of the criminal law.

Adopting that standard, his Lordship would consider whether on the evidence, the Attorney General had established that he was critifed to the declaratory relief

bose to whom the booklet was intended to be sent would be contemplating suicide. They would not know precisely the details of the suicide, if it took place, but that did not mean that they could not be shown to be accessories.

empted to commit or committed suicide, the contents of the booklet indicated that the publishers approved or assented to their doing The final minimum requirement was that in the case at least of certain recipients of the booklet, its

Section 1 of the 1961 Act contents would encourage suicide.

abrogated the criminal responsi-bility of suicide, but section 2(1) retained the criminal liability of an

accessory at or before the fact. The accessory was the principal offender so that to attempt to aid, The fact that the supply of the booklet could be an offence did not abet, counsel or procure the suicide or attempted suicide of another could be an offence even if the person concerned did not attempt to If the distribution of the booklet

amounted to an offence under section 2(1) when the person to whom the booklet was distributed could be proved it had to be shown that the individual concerned aided and abetted, counselled or procured committed suicide or attempted to commit suicide, then the distribution to that person if there was no attempt to commit suicide could be an attempt to commit an offence under section 2(1) in the appropri-The issue could be confined to

onsidering whether to distribute the booklet to someone who committed suicide or attempted to commit suicide made the distribumatter that the supplier did not know the state of mind of the actual tor "an accessory before the fact" to In the ordinary case in deciding whether or not an offence had been committed, it was preferable to consider the phrase "aiding or aberting counselling or procuring as a whole.

The first minimum requirement to constitute a person an accessory before the fact, was that those responsible for publishing the booklet would almost certainly know that a significant number of intention to assist the act of suicide.

Second, if the recipients att-

conclusion that there could be circumstances in which to supply the booklet could amount to an

mean that any particular supply was an officace. The society was an unincorporated body and there could be no question of the society committing an offence. Before an offence under section 2

an attempt at suicide or a suicide and intended to do so by distributing the booklet.

The intention of the individual would normally be interred from the long as there was the necessary intent to assist those who were contemplating suicide, it did not

The requirement for the necessary intent explained why where in the ordinary course of business a person responsible for distributing an article appreciating that some individuals might use it for committees with the committees with the committees are some successive to the committees are some successive to the committees are some successive to the committees are consistent to the committees Such a distributor would have no

An intention to assist need not, however, involve a desire that suicide should be committed or His Lordship accepted that in some cases the booklet might have the effect of deterring someone from committing suicide and such a supply would not amount to an supply would not amount to an attempted offence because the bookiet had not provided any assistance with a view to a contemplated suicide. Such assist-

ance was necessary to establish the actus reus for the attempted offence.
His Lordship concluded that to distribute the booklet could be an ice but before an offence could be established to have been committed, it had to be proved that

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Television

Age of consent

The Mutiny at Invergordon The programme included (BBC2 last night) is a story that recollections from ratings and

can always stand a re-telling the shock-horror story of sailors recalled how a beer mug had been thrown at him, an action

told is a much-examined skel- confirmed by former ratings but eton in our national cupboard, evidently untypical. Another

were too much for the time. unfit to take command of

The mutiny arose over pay. ly the Government thought it a Ramsay MacDonald's National Red plot - it being the fashion

Jazz

Follow that

Appropriately, it was the first in

the series Britain in the Thirties.

The trouble was that there were

so many participants to field that the material and potential

Government was vainly trying to keep the gold standard. It cut unemployment benefit by 10 per cent and welcomed the

Admiralty's extraordinary offer to pay all men on pre-1925 scales, which meant that many

would get a 25 per cent cut.

Their families already suf-

fered considerable hardship,

which the Royal Naval Benevolent Fund could not ad-equately relieve. The cut, which

the men of the Atlantic Fleet

heard of through a radio broadcast, was the last straw.

mutiny occurred on September 15, 1931. The anchorage at

Invergordon echoed all day to

the cheers of men on the fo'c'sles of their ships - the

method by which they kept up spirits and assured themselves

Odeon, Hammersmith

of solidarity.

Miles Davis

keep up with fashion.

Duty took me back to

Hammersmith on Wednesday and there he was, still afloat on the jazz/rock/whatever gulf

stream, but now like a man

winning the America's Cup, not

clinging to wreckage. The difference was spectacular. His trumpet playing had lost all hesitation and become more

essured, more fluent, than I

have ever heard it. He did

things in one breath that might

have taken three before - a

favourite was playing a choice

mid-register phrase, swooping up to a thrilling high note and

then spiralling down to a wispy

echo of the first phrase, in one

long line. Playing fast or high,

he never missed a trick; at slow

tempo he sounded like the old

This new confidence has led

to two amazing revolutions.

One is that instead of ignoring

the rest of the group he often

supports other soloists by

Davis but better.

After meetings ashore, the

piece of television.

Nonetheless, it was a gripping anything".

former officer reflected on

Admiral Tomhinson, standing

in for the C-in-C who was ill in

Plymouth - "a quiet unpleasant little man" who "was quite

The Admiralty reacted slow-

ly, the Government thought it a

to attribute to Reds a cumning

almost beyond human capacity. The ships were recalled to their

home ports with a promise of

inquiries and no victimization.

The inquiries were ineffectual;

the promise was broken. Len Wincott, one of the leaders who

appeared, and 120 others were

discharged with 13s, each and a

railway warrant. For many others it meant no further promotion. Wincott later joined

the Communist Party and went

The lesson drawn, the pro-

gramme concluded, was that a

twentieth-century navy could only be run with the consent of

the men below decks. Some-

thing there, I suppose, except

that it took a war to drive it

Dennis Hackett

to live in Russia.

THE ARTS

Cinema

Seriousness woven into comedy

Tootsie (PG) Odeon Leicester Square

A Shocking Accident (PG)

Odeon Leicester Square

Ascendancy (15) Academy

Barbarosa (PG) Screen on the Green

III Fares the Land **ICA**

"I was a better man with you as a woman than I ever was with a woman as a man". Dustin Hoffman tells Jessica Lange in the final minutes of Tootsie after divesting himself of wig, dress, make-up, dazzling smile and southern accent. The convoluted sentence, blithely delivered across a Manhattan pavement, triumphantly sums up the film's comic games with sexual identities, unparalleled in mainstream Hollywood since Some Like It Hot. It also spotlights the serious thoughts about human behaviour woven into the comedy - a mixture that has belped Tootsie become the biggest American boxoffice success ever produced by Columbia.

Sydney Pollack's film impresses with its acuity and assurance even during the credit sequence. As Hoffman's embattled New York actor runs the gauntlet of doomed anditions, we sit back comfortable in the knowledge that performers, director and scriptwriters (Larry Gelbart and Murray Schisgal) know their business precisely. All, indeed, have considerable experience of show business vicissitudes; Pollack himself began as an actor before turning to direction, and contributes a sharp, effective cameo as Hoffman's bewildered agent. The comedy remains bright-

Theatre

Banality

banished

Greenwich may seem to be

treading on Peter Hall's toes

with this premature revival of

Harold Pinter's play, but Gary

Raymond's production is a very

National Theatre version. And,

as one of those left cold by that

occasion, I am glad to take this belated chance of acknowledge

Thanks to the scale and

glassy performance style of the

Lyttelton production, I quit the

theatre mainly impressed by

Pinter's ingenuity in telling a banal story backwards. At Greenwich, the story comes

into close-up and sheds any

something to do with this; but

so has the introduction of pop

songs for every nostalgically receding date (each song, a

learned colleague informs me,

belonging to the year in question), the use of lighting

(Brian Harris) to convey a sense

of mortal transience and, most

Condon Ballet

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The size of the building has

ing a beautiful piece of work.

different affair from the origina

Betrayal

Greenwich

eyed as financial pressure transforms Hoffman's Michael Dorsey into "Dorothy Michaels" - a southern lady of poise and resilience who lands the part of a hospital administrator in a television serial called Southwest General. Anyone with experience of soap opera's crazy world will spot the awful truth behind the film's lampoon: the weathered matinée idol with neither talent nor memory; the actor who finds his character killed off when he requests a raise; the dialogue that sounds "like dialogue from a Czech movie". Tootsie recreates the panic and paraphernalia of American television in a way My Favourite Year never achieved.

But the film's power principally derives from the extraordinary "Dorothy Michaels". From one standpoint, she is a blatantly theatrical creation, invented to fill a specific soap-opera role. Yet when Jessica Lange sadly murmurs "I miss Dorothy" in the closing minutes we know exactly what she means: Hoffman's astonishing performance has given Dorothy real feminine warmth and individuality. The script acknowledges this, too, by never resorting to sniggers: obvious jokes about sharing a female bed or warding off men's advances are introduced only to be lightly brushed aside. This discretion ultimately leads Tootsie into trouble: some scenes ramble without a climax, making the 116 minutes perhaps 16 minutes too long. The script also ungenerously shoves Teri Carr's character - Dorsey's absurdly inscoure girlfriend - into a tight, unprofitable corner. But the bulk of the film is thoroughly

entertaining.
So indeed is the British film accompanying Tootsie on national release in many cinemas: A Shocking Accident, winner of this year's Oscar for the best live-action short. Rec-ommending a short film may seem like recommending scarlet fever - so paltry have "full supporting programmes" become over the years. But James Scott's 25-minute version of a Graham Greene story is worlds removed from the documentaries on pearl fishing or Nato submarines occasionally encountered by unwary spectators. The shocking accident happens to the young hero's father: he is killed by an overweight pig crashing



nitment in a hair-shirt role: Jahie Covington in Ascendancy

through a Naples balcony. School-mates consequently taunt the son with grunts; an aunt casually spreads the story during afternoon tea while her nephew cringes with embarrass-ment. Compared to Scott's previous work - the teasing feature Adult Fun. piercing documentaries on art, politics and society - A Shocking Accident is a work of modest ambition. But, with its sly humour, crisp structure and pointed visualization of a literary text, one can feel the same playful intelligence at work.

A clear, shaping intelligence similarly governs Edward Bennett's Ascendancy, made for the British Film Institute Production Board and winner of the Berlin Festival's Golden Bear award. However, it is hard to write about this pyschological study of Irish disorders in 1920 without dipping into the critic's deadliest adjectives: worthy, commendable, competent. Like Scott, Bennett has experience in provacative documentaries (Hogarth, Four Questions About Art), and this first step towards conventional narrative procedures shows an effective use of low-budget resources. The scattered locations (none of them in Ireland) afford memorable images: servants frozen in Remembrance Day silence in the grand mansion of James Wintour, a Belfast shippard owner; the congregation of a Catholic church huddled

in sanctuary during a violent night, Yet the striking moments and fascinating background of social decay fail to coalesce into compulsive

The problem chiefly stems from the depiction of the heroine, Wintour's haunted daughter, whose right arm hangs in phychosomatic paralysis since her beloved brother died in the Great War. Julie Covington, a specialist in hair-shirt roles, plays with her usual rapt commitment, but the character's obsessions never become the audience's, and the script's scheme of political-pyschological parallels remains forever in The film is compact, embryo. decently made, eloquently photo-graphed by Clive Tickner, greater enthusiasm, unfortunately, is imposs-

The comparative failure of Barbarosa is equally regretable, for this is an example of that endangered species, the Western; yet the pleasure of seeing horses charging across Texas must be balanced assing the prin of must be balanced against the pain of experiencing cinematic muddle. The Australian director Fred Schepisi, working for the first time in America, never finds an appropriate style to link the script's elements. Sometimes Barbarosa celebrates the Western the unstoppable hero myth of (Barbarosa himself, played by the country-and-western singer Willie country-and-western singer

Nelson). Sometimes the film concentrates on a tale of romping robbers and multi-racial family fends, sometimes it simply soaks up the landscapes, photographed in Panavision by Ian Baker - Schepist's cam-eraman on The Devil's Playground (1976) and The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith (1978). But the strands remain unco-ordinated, and erratic post-synchronization only adds to the film's dishevelment. As in Honeysuckle Rose, Nelson displays a pleasant, mischevious screen presence, though he lacks the epic charisma his part demands; fans should also note that he never sings anythine

The ICA is going Scottish during May, presenting, amongst other items, the Bill Douglas trilogy and Bill Forsyth's That Sinking Feeling. The chief exhibit is Ill Fares the Land (May 4-8), a shapeles account of the last months on St Kilda, the far-flung islands off Scotland's west coast, evacuated in 1930. St Kilda is now an American military base, which explains why the film was mostly shot elsewhere. The writer-director. Bill Bryden, of National Theatre fame, recreates the dying world with such loving care that he drags the film down to the slow crawl of the islanders' hymn-singing. One is moved, but not very much.

Geoff Brown

The four sonatas were representative not only of the phases of

Beethoven's creative life but

also of Brendel's rare pianistic

refinement. One of Beethoven's

earliest sonatas, the fresh, cheery A major, Op 2 No 2, was

balanced by the very last, the tense Op 111; at the centre were

two of the great "middle period" sonatas, the D major, Op 28, and "Das Lebewohl",

Stylistically, then, there was a

logical progression, which in

Brendel's sharply defined play-

ing was charted to graphic and

revealing effect. In each sonata

It goes without saying that he can call on a kaleidoscopic

range of piano tone and produce

playing which constantly im-

presses through its clarity and

depth of feeling. But, more than that, each phrase of the music

was vested with structural and

emotional significance. Nothing

was deemed superfluous or

unimportant; each sonata was

turn Brendel offered some new

insight into a bar, a phrase, a

note, even a pause. In the D

major Sonata, Op 28, for example, those little tentative

Geoffrey Norris | •••

Moreover, almost at every

Op 81a.

the music.

BBCSO/Sanderling Alfred Brendel

Queen Elizabeth Hall Festival Hall/Radio 3 Almost as a curtain-raiser to / Since October last year Alfred The Gambler at the Coliseum, Brendel has been on a pilgrim-the Royal Philharmonic Society age. Geographically it has taken on Wednesday presented an-

Concerts

other Prokofiev work from that Germany, France, Holland and same turbulent period around England; musically if has led him through the labyrinthine the First World War, his Second Piano Concerto. Not long ago emotional complexities of Beethoven's piano sonatas, a methis was almost as neglected as his Dostoevsky opera, pianists diam with which Brendel seems and audiences preferring the gladsome bravura of the Third uniquely in tune. His cycle of seven concerts has quite simply been one of the most remark-Concerto or the youthful grand romanticism of the First. But able and illuminating events to have hit the London platforms the more sinister contents of the for a long while, and his concluding recital on Wednes-G minor Concerto have begun to insinuate themselves into the repertory, though rarely can they have sounded so dark and day was in every sense its alpha As in the previous concerts of poisónous as here in a strong. urgent performance by John Lill the series, Wednesday's was and the BBC Symphony Or-chestra under Kurt Sanderling. marked by careful, imaginative and stimulating programming.

The story of the first movement is one of progressive confusion and worry. Prokofiev begins with a lyrical theme, the most innocuous music in the whole work, and proceeds to nag at it until it shows its dangerous potentialities in the sort of nasty thick harmony that is characteristic of the work.

Mr Lill was excellent here. He started with a gracefulness unnervingly poised on the brink of catastrophe, and under the pressure of some threatening moves from Mr Sanderling he developed his part through ever stranger regions of gaucheness.

The ensuing Scherzo was he played not only with frantic enough to strain the individuality but also with a orchestra a bit and the puppet sense of rightness which left one play of the third movement was all but speechless, so naturally no frolic; Mr Lill's movements did he apply his incomparable were bulky and menacing, like techniques to the demands of dancing gargoyles, and he was now powerfully backed by his colleagues.

After this the finale could brilliance was felt in the same

thematic fragments uttered just before the start of the recapitumeasure by Mr Sanderling. lation in the first movement Prefacing this performance had come the musical fairytale were given with a sense of questioning and doubting which Kikimora, by Prokofiev's teasounded entirely original yet cher Liadov, a composer whose only engaging trait was the laziness that kept his pieces few was perfectly placed in context. And in the last movement of and tiny. More to the point was Op 111 the sudden drawing Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. back from the forceful third variation to the pianissimo of heard after the interval, and complementing the Prokofiev the fourth lent the music a as a four-movement circular harrowing impact, something journey within the locked reinforced by Brendel's comsphere of its composer's head. manding performance of the final pages of the sonata -serene, profound and intensely Despite occasional lapses in important solos, this was a challenging, serious-minded account which constantly - in moving

Brendel sees it as a "moral the way the Scherzo smiled duty to make music in as visionary, moving, mysterious, thoughtful, amusing, graceful a manner as we are able to. In this cycle his duty was fulfilled

Paul Griffiths

like some one-man big band. The other is that he has broken a 30-year oath to ignore his public and now waves back, was wrong when I swore not to flirts with their applause and see Miles Davis again. That was back in the mid-Seventies when even comes downstage to tease the photographers. At this rate he was thrashing around on a he will be talking to us by 1985. jazz/rock sez like a man on a raft, and I did not want to return to see jazz's greatest modern stylist drown trying to

keyboard chords with the right

His crew moved smoothly to his commands. The saxophon-ist Bill Evans is lightweight and nimble, Tom Barney and Al Foster make a perfect bass/ drums engine team, slipping from thudding rock to the subtlest jazz backing, while Mino Cinelu, off to one side in his Latin American engineering shop, fills in any unnoticed gaps. Up in the rigging, Mike Stern's blues-based guitar is superb stuff, with one solo near the end so full of passion, light and shade it almost stole the show, though John Scofield's jazzier playing, even if fluent, is as monochrome as almost all jazz guitar has been since they first plugged it into the mains.

Prowling everywhere was the captain, liberated from a standmike by some miracle trumpet attachment so that he could walk, play and keep an eye on the ship all at the same time. Miles Davis is back on the high seas and in front of the fleet again I am not sure if he knows his final destination, but I would be a fool not to follow him this time.

Miles Kington



Telegraphing the unspoken: Gary Raymond, Suzan Farmer by the sense of what is at stake

Raymond and his two partners, Suzan Farmer and Edward

All my memory preserved of the dialogue was of exchanges of small talk between an affluently anonymous trio whose lives consist of restaurant lunches, book chat, family routine and adultery in the afternoon. The small talk is there all right, but only as a mask behind which each character is observing the others and waiting for his own advantage. Even when conver- Details of the multiple sation is flowing tranquilly betrayal are brilliantly clarified

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of all, the performances of Mr along, the staging contrives to telegraph the unspoken.

Witness Miss Farmer's eyes, invisible to her husband, as he prowls round the bedroom speculating on why Jerry should have written to her in Venice. "What do you think of Jerry as a letter writer?" Mr Hardwicke spits out. And, when she cuts his game short and unambiguously confesses the relationship, her line has the same kind of impact as a climax in Racine.

alone: an innocent remark brimming with revenge and pain once you consider it. The accumulation of these poisonous ironies is one benefit of the reverse narrative; another is the mordant itinerary from the spiritless end of the affair ("I don't think we don't love each other") to the rapturous opening declarations at the end.

Irving Wardle

Opera

Massenet obviously realized, and as Rhoda Levine directing acknowledges, it is Charlotte who initially gripped Goethe's imagination; it is Charlotte whose presence advertises the opera on Scottish Opera's poster; and, with Cynthia Buchan magnificent in the role, it is Charlotte who dominates

this production. Miss Buchan's fluent and perceptive command of the verbal and musical language (the production is, for better or for worse, in French), her ability to inflect and ease in and out of the melodic line, are unmatched by anyone else on stage. Through the strong core of her voice and personality it is the vehicle for a boldly individual, highly intelligent characterization, carefully detailed and powerfully developed.

The dignity and conviction of her Act I declaration that "Albert m'aime - et je suis sa femme" is the touchstone for her tour de force in the central third act. Vocally and physically containing her suppressed emotion until it spills out in her unaccompanied cry of agony and in the rage within her prayer to God, Miss Buchan skilfully paces the revelation of Charlotte's suffering. And when she silently months with Werther the words of Ossian she seems to underline the cruel incompatability of her love of a person and his love of love

For Dennis O'Neill empha sizes the emotional isolation of a Werther who is also more than half in love with easeful death. His placidity verges on paralysis; recalling Goethe's own words about embitterment through want of action, he if anything underplays the ardour for life which is surely there too in Massenet's music. But, for all his continually downcast eyes and occasionally swallowed words, it is a compelling performance, well though through and musically sung. Rhoda Levine's unobtrusive

emotionally. After the Venice

scene, Mr Hardwicke tells the

lover that the high spot of the

trip was a morning he spent

production lets the changing seasons speak for themselves like the functional, inoffensive sets of John Conklin with whom she has often worked in the United States she makes no points but gives plenty of space for individual interpretation and movement (particularly imaginative with the children).

Alan Watt is a competent and credible Albert, Deborah Rees a lightweight, perfectly agreeable Sophie, while Brian Bannatyne-Scott as Johann and William McCue as Le Bailti deserve more than a word of praise. Next to Miss Buchan the star of the evening should perhaps be Roderick Brydon, totally at one with Massenet's music, substantiating all that is going on on stage and drawing dramatic playing lithe and supple with inner detail, from the Scottish Opera Orchestra.

Hilary Finch

hardly be dashed off. The opportunities for carefree jollity, in the repetitive patterns, were taken rather to show how appalling a banai idea can become when it is mindlessly played over and over again, and the few sweet passages from the strings were siren songs that perfectly crafted, perfectly balcould not interrupt the concerto anced, perfectly characterized. in its massive, demonic course. Once more Mr Lill moved through every bar with the fearsome drive of wild obsession matched by immense confidence, and his black

through its tears, for example, or in the depressed dreamness at the start of the finale - found new ways to tell the old emotional narrative.

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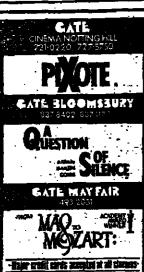
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cluding famous names such as Harvey Nichols, Hamleys and Lotus, tipped as the next bid target following the demise of UDS Group. UDS Group.

Earlier this week, Mr Robert
Thornton, chairman, and Mr
Kenneth Bishop, finance director, had talks with more than

last month. It is estimated to the main talking point in the market with the FT index again now or around 4 per cent of the cquity. Last night, Mr Ronson mark as more than 5 million shares changed hands. Howor, had talks with more than twenty City institutions to try to

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The last word on ICI's first-quarter figures yesterday came a good day's trading with from Mr Jim Cook, analyst with Beecham closing unchanged at the Scottish brokers, Wood 411p, after 415, Imperial Group the Scottish brokers, Wood 411p, after 415, Imperial Group Mackenzic. Earlier this month, 4p up at 116p, after 117p and he upgraded full-year estimates by £102m to £462m, but today in breweries, Scottish & he will 2. clients that this figure should be £500m. The recent speculative buying rising 2p to a strength in sterling against most European currencies, including week, the company denied it the Deutschemark, should be had recieved a bid from more than offset by an improved domestic performance. The lers, but the market remains

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striking price of 350p and soon rose to .376p. But persistent profit taking soon cut this lead to only 8p by the close of 358p.

Those investors who got cold feet in Bellair Cosmetics last

week will be kicking themselves will continue to be the most today following yesterday's announcement that the shares buoyant and fastest growing product in the drink sector over had leapt from 75p to 140 following a return from susper sion and bid terms from the the next year. They also urge investors to hold on to their stakes in Metrydown cider, 10p dearer at 550p. Shares of Charles Baynes rose 5p to 38p after James Neill Holdings announced it had sold 1.7 million charges mouth 5563 000.

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Trust Securities has fit another salvo in its £105m for Percy Bilton. Trust says 24.2 per cent of the equity - to Bank Heusser of Basle at 33p a Bilton property portfolio been poorly managed and to 350,000 sq ft of the grou Shares of Bass rose 8p to 322p yesterday—4p short of the year's high. Broker Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee says that the sector has hung behind the rest of the market recently and that the shares are expected to perform industrial property is un This represents less than 5 cent of Bilton's portfolio.

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than last year with demand for Lotus shoes, suppliers to Marks & Spencer, also picking up.
Mr Thornton said that
Debenhams had received sev-

cral inquiries for its Welbeck Finance subsidiary and had turned down offers amounting to £65m. Brokers Laurie Millbank is looking for profit of £20m this year against £13.1m last year. Yesterday, the shares held steady at a year's high of 127p as dealers reported a large buyer of 400,000 at 125p. At this level

The barricades are going up at Debenhams, the high street

department stores chain, in-

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domestic performance. The lers, but the market remains shares closed 2p up at a new convinced that somebody is high of 476p, after reaching interested in the shares.

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Mr Gerald Ronsn's Heron Group, bought 1 million shares biggest industrial group were Colegrave. They believe cider

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THE TIMES FRIDAY APRIL 29 1983

Tokye: 8636.56 up 1.**77 Hongkong:** 1012.61 down 21.15 New York: Dow Jones Aver age (latest) 1210.04 up 1.64

Tring Hall USM Index: 172.3

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5595 down 65pts Index 84.2 unchanged DM 3.8450 Yen 371.50 Dollar Index 122.8 up 0.3

Gold \$429 down \$2.50 NEW YORK LATEST **Sterling \$1.5595**

DM 2.4635 up 115pts

INTEREST RATES

Base rates 10 3 month interbank 101/4-101/a Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 87/8-9 3 month DM 51/16-415/18 3 month 131/8-13

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period March 2 to April 5, 1983 inclusive: 10.974 per

PRICE CHANGES

Davies & Newman 181p up Bodycote 59p up 6p Websters 75p up 7p Grosvenor 144p up 13p J. Laing 112p up 10p B. Elliott 36p up 3p

Comb Tech 39p down 6p Venterspost £11.6875, Lake & Elliot 27p down 3p Doornfontein £17.875. Winklehaak £26.375, down

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TODAY

Interims: None announced Finals: Clayton, Son and Co (Hldgs), Cole Grp, Hopkinsons Hidgs, IMI, Liberty, Long and Hambly (17 months), Pentland Inds, Sunlight Service Grp.
Economic statistics; Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures (March).

Hoover trading profits improve

Hoover, the domestic appliance group, continued to improve its trading performance in the first quarter of the year, even though it was still in loss at the pretax level. The figure was £736,000 against £1.9m for the same period last

At the trading level there was a profit of £66,000 against a loss of £916,000. The group reduced staff by 900 last year, to 5,900 but this year any further cut backs will be small. An average price rise of about 5 per cent is coming through shortly. Hoover says it has been obtaining better profits even without price rises. by introducing new higher margined products. The company's borrowings

have been reduced, so that interest payments for the period were £492,000 against £1m for the same time last year. Group sales were up by 8.2 per cent, at • DEALINGS BAN: J&P

Coated, the Scottish thread manufacture, was banned by the High Court in London vesterday from dealings in the shares or assets of its whollyowned English subsidiary. Davidson MacGregor. An injuction until May 6 has been granted to Buccaneer which charging alleges that Coated failed to complete an agreement for the sale to Buccaneer of the entire issued share capital of Davidson MacGregor. • INCOME INCREASE:

Tricentrol, the independent British oil company, yesterday reported first quarter net income of £5.3m, £1.0m up on last year's figure. Mr James Longcroft, the chairman, said that Tricentrol had accepted the new North Sea oil price of \$30 a barrel, but continued to dispute

ority. It plans to start business later this year. A Hong Kong Britain's negative position has branch was opened in 1978.

mixed in moderate

New York (AP-Dow Jones) -Stocks were pulling back and turned mixed in moderate trading. The Dow Jones indus-trial average was down a fraction after being ahead more than-four-points earlier. Advancing issues led declines

Honorwell way up 2½ at 107½ International Business Mackines up ½ at 116½. Motorola up ½ at 108½ Texas Instruments down 1½ at 144½. Control Data down 1½ to 46½. General Electric up & at 109%, and Digital Equipment down 2% at 144%. Data General was down 6%

at 66%. The company said i knew no internal or external reason for Wednesday's rise of 104 A report in a Boston newspaper yesterday said the rise was linked to rumours of a company said it knew of no

takeover offers.
General Dynamics was 49½ up ¾, Procter & Gamble 61½ off ¼ Upjohn 56½ off ¾ Standard Oil-Ohio 46½ up ¾ Merck 90 ¼ unchanged

Bank issues

indexed

long tap

By Sally White

The Bank of England took

the gift market by surprise with

its issue of a new long tap

yesterday. It is a new form of

government security, as it is an index-linked Treasury convert-

ible partly paid and to be issued

by tender. The gilt market saw the new

tap as an attempt to make

progress with government fund-

ing, which has been lagging in the unmorrismity about the election. The index-linked element is a hedge against the inflation rises feared by some

fund managers in case of a

Labour victory, and the conver-

sion into conventional stock

appeals to hopes of capital gains

The gilt market fell as a

result, because the tender on

May 5 will, assuming, as

be at least fully subscribed, take

£400m out of the market. By the

close, long dates were down a

half point, mediums a quarter

and shorts were down an eighth.

The stance of the authorities is that funding is going smooth-

ly, and that the tap is designed

to appeal to institutional laves

tors who have been worned

about possible rises in inflation

rates. The forecasts for the

money supply figures released by number of gin brokers for April carry pessimistic assump-tions for inflation and the

market had been expecting the

The terms of the tap is that

the £1bn of 2½ per cent index-linked Treasury convertible 1999 is 40 per cent payable on

May 5, the remaining 30 per cent on June 6 and the balance

on July, 4. The stock is

convertible into 1014 conver-

November 22, 1983, May 22, 1984 and November 22, 1984.

There is no minimum tender price. But if the stock went at

par, which seems unlikely the real yield would be 2.52 per cent

and the yield to redemption on the convertible would be 9.82

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sion stock 1999.

Conversion

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ted that the new tap will

on gift price rises should there

be a Conservative victory.

Smith says study challenges Lonrho argument

Pension funds opposed to Harrods demerger, claims Fraser chairman

An independent report commissioned by the National Association of Pension Funds on the battle between Lonrho and the main House of Fraser board over whether Harrods should be demerged from the rest of the department stores group, "endorses our view and diminishes Lourho's argument," Professor Roland Smith, Fraser's chairman, claimed vesterday.

The report, prepared by auditors Coopers & Lybrand, was commissioned to help pension funds with a shareholding in House of Fraser to form a view on the war of words being fought through circulars from Lonrbo and the main board on the demerger issue. Lourho, the international trading group headed by Mr Roland Tiny Rowland, is trying of persuade other House of Fraser shareholders to vote against a board resolution at a shareholders meeting in Glasgow next Friday that Harrods remain in the

FT 30 INDEX -700

ICI surprised the stock

market at midday by announc-

ing a £128m pretax profit figure

for the first quarter of 1983.

That is well over twice the £62m it made in the first

quarter last year and £18m.

ahead of the most optimistic

The figures, released less than

a minute after the noon calculation of the FT 30-share

index, were enough to push the

index through the 700 level by

ICI's own shares rose to over

490p before reconsideration of

the implications, together with

profit-taking brought them back to close at 476p - a rise of 2p on

the day. The index closed at

is the second day running the

to close at or above that level.

two main factors. ICI apart, it

vesterday to block a proposed joint venture by British Steel and US Steel Corporation.

Workers from the Fairless

Hill steelworks near Philadel-phia, Pennsylvania, which would be affected by the

venture delivered more than 36,000 letters to the White House urging President Reagan

to block the proposed venture.

696.8 down 2.2 on the day. This its leading

index has topped 700, but failed the previous quarter, with the

its earlier gains is attributable to business remained flat.

The market's failure to hold western Europe. Elsewhere,

36,000 in steel protest

From Bailey Morris, Washington

American steelworkers lann- ployment in the domestic stee

ched a two-pronged drive industry, the workers - mem-

estimates.



vote of confidence in the board. Announcing pretax profits for last year up from £28m in 1981 to £33.19m, Professor Smith drew attention to a paragraph in the report's conclusion that appeared to challenge Lonrho's group. contention that shareholders
The resolution is linked to a risk nothing by demerging

ICI) SHARE

ICI profits surge

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PRICE

was not a heavy trading day.

and a closer look at ICI's figures

prompted brokers' analysts to

net out around £20m of the pre-

tax figure as "potentially excep-

This attitude is endoresed by

ICI itself. Mr Alan Clements

the finance director, told The

Times yesterday: "obviously it

is encouraging to report in-creased profits of this nature, but as we have indicated there

is a possible one-off element

involved. On the other hand,

there has been a genuine volume improvement of 4 per cent in the first quarter but

again, so far, this has been

performed better than during

improvement concentrated in

Investors' netebook, page 18

bers of the Unibed Steelworkers of America, said that they did

not want to lose their jobs to

subsidized steel from abroad.

Their march on the White
House coincided with the

release of Congressional testi-

mony in which Mr Lloyd McBride, the president of the

Steelworkers union, demanded

a full-scale Congressional inves-

The company states that all

chemical businesses

localized and patchy."

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Harrods, the London depart-The report states: "We think that risks will arise from the

demerger. Those risks will ultimately be passed through to shareholders who will have to judge whether their incurrence

Heavy fund

investment

abroad

By Our Financial Staff

continuing to invest overseas with 27 per cent of total

markets during 1982, according

to the latest pension survey from

stockbrokers, Wood Mackenzie.

over their foreign investments more quickly with activity twice as great as in UK equities. With

£1,209m channelled into over-

seas equities, foreign stock-

markets were the principal area of investment in 1982.

covers nearly 700 pension fun

The Wood Mackenzie survey

with a market value of £47

billion and represents 56 per cent of all UK pension fund

Property remained out of

favour soaking up only 13 per cent of total cashflow in 1982

compared with 23 per cent in

28.9 per cent during 1982, though returns ranged from 8.9

pre cent in property to 52.4 per cent in fixed interest securities.

In real terms, pension funds

have shown an average return of 4.8 over the last five years.

With pension fund actuaries

expecting a real return of only 3

per cent, the figure of 4.8 per

hald by the Centre for Policy

Studies in its pension review

that pension funds are currently overfunded, providing an ideal

opportunity when surplus cash is available within the funds, to improve the benefits of deferred

ioners (early leavers).

It also accounts for the

decline in real terms on pension

fund contributions, down about 28 per cent on the previous year

A free advisory service for Britain's 12million pension fund

members was launched in

London yesterday. The Occu-

Services (OPAS) has veen

formed in response to the call made by the Occupational Pensions Board in a report last

year for a personal advice

service for employees and pensioners in occupational pen-

OPAS, which would be in a

position to start operating in a couple of months is linking up with the Citizens' Advice Bu-

reau (CAB), which has 850 offices round the country. It

offers free advice to anyone in

employer or trade union representative or advised by pension experts, many of whom, OPAS hopes, will work volun-

tarily.
The OPAS initiative is the

brainchild of Miss Margaret

ns Advisory

cash going into the funds.

pational

Fund managers also turned

Pension fund managers are

The report continues: "Both parties lay claim to protecting Harrods. However, the demerger of Harrods will not of itself afford protection as a demerger. subject of a takeover bid with

minority directors "are not based on the financial projections prepared by the working The attitude of the Merchant Navy pension fund in particular, which has comparatively

neutral stance, states that the

profit returns quoted by the

recently built up a stake of 3 per cent of Fraser shares, is thought to be crucial for next week's The Merchant Navy fund has

not yet exercised its voting power in a fight between the board and Lonrho.

House of Fraser is meanwhile planning to move ahead with a £50m redevelopment of Barkers of Kensington, west London, in conjunction with London and Metropolitan Estates.

Fraser's contribution to the cost of the development will be to inject the freehold valued at

Om. Professor Smith said an announcement would also be made shortly on what was to be done with the Army and Navy store in central London which consequences that cannot be lost £500.000 last year.

Call to wind up six **Hunt companies**

By Our Financial Staff

Up to 2,000 private investigators may be caught up in the problems of Exchange Securi-ties and Commodities, the Warwick-based investment management group founded by

Yesterday the Department of Frade revealed that it has petitioned the High Court for the compulsory winding-up of ESC plus five more of Mr Hunt's companies. This follows a month long investigation of Mr Hunt's firms by Department of Trade inspectors.

In addition to these moves the department is trying to revoke the licensed dealerships of three more of Mr Hunt's mpanies which advertise for funds from the public. These include Exchange Securities Financial Services, and Exchange Securities Investment Management, which operates from Mayfair in London.

The Department of Trade says it has been trying to track down Mr Hunt for two weeks with no success. The official



Hunt: managed '£7.5m' Receiver has been appointed

provisional liquidator by the court and a special squad from accountants Thomson McLintock was yesterday encamped in Exchange Securities' Warwick office.
Yesterday a spokesman for

the Thomson McLintock team said it was there to preserve the assets left in the group. It was too early to know the fate of clients' money; Mr Hunt, well for proclaiming his scientific investment techniques at one point said he had £7.5m

City Comment

Aid for our economic acorns

Ministers have been making great play since the Budget of the measures being introduced to help the small companies sector. Earlier this week it was the turn of Mr Nicholas Ridley, financial secretary to the Treasury, who described the Budget package as the best crop of measures yet for small companies.

The number of companies being formed has risen steadily since 1977 with a particularly sharp upswing last year company trations jumped by a fifth. Does this suggest that the Government's tax cuts and incentives have spawned a new breed of thrusting entrepreneurs in the midst of the worst recession for 50 years?

Not exactly, according to a study from Dr Martin Binks and Mr John Coyne published today by the Institute for Economic Affairs. The study, The Birth of Enterprise, criticizes the lack of government commitment towards the small companies sector.

Lack of suitable premises and the difficulties of raising start-up capital and financing early growth were what the Government should be focusing on. The banks too need to fundamentally change their attitudes, the study says, and become less cautious towards the small companies. These prescriptions are

not new but there may well be something in the call for a more long-term and dynamic approach. On the loan guarantee

scheme, for instance, the authors say the Government should abolish the 3 per cent interest rate premium and worry less about whether it is immediately self-financing. Instead it should view the scheme over a longer perspective and think of the taxes which the entrepreneur of today will pay as the big company of tomorrow.

Improved overall profit in difficult markets

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, J.E.H. Collins, MBE, DSC:-

Results and Dividends The results reflect the intensified competition experienced by the insurance industry in the territories in which the Group operates. In spite of the impact of the underwriting results on cash flows, there was a very satisfactory increase in

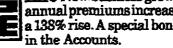
The Directors are able to recommend the payment of a final dividend which, with the interim dividend paid in January 1983, will constitute an increase of 11.4% compared with the dividends paid in respect of the year 1981. After the appropriation for dividends, £28.7m has been transferred to retained profits.

United Kingdom The magnitude of the underwriting losses experienced by the market should result in premium rates hardening and also discourage underwriters from following the policy of writing risks solely to obtain premium volume irrespective of the size of the potential liabilities they may be incurring. Some improvement in terms for marine and aviation business was obtained. Considerable progress has been achieved in restructuring our branch and

claims bureau organization and in the introduction of mini computers to our field

Other Territories The improvement in our German result has materialised. In Canada, whilst higher premium rates were forced through, this has continued to result in business being lost to competitors. The generally poor underwriting performance of companies within the United States is reflected in a deterioration in our own experience. In Australia there was a marked improvement in rating levels and our local

company is now well placed. Some signs of discipline are returning to the South African market where we achieved a much improved and profitable result, but trading in the Republic of Ireland produced an underwriting loss in excess of the investment income earned.



Life New business growin plans were again amount of annual premiums increased by 15% with new single premiums recording annual premiums increased by 15% with new single premiums recording a 138% rise. A special bonus to policyholders led to a record contribution

Prospects We shall actively continue our policy of working primarily towards improvement in profitability rather than increase in volume in all territories and classes of business. We believe that our policy of selective underwriting should leave us well placed to take advantage of any upturn in market conditions.



Copies of the full Annual Report for 1982 are obtainable from The Secretary, Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc, Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS.

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Linfood may bid for Key Markets

Citing continuing high unem-

is considering a number of alternatives, including bidding for the Key Markets chain within Fitch Lovell Fitch Lovell has been in talks with the American-owned Safe-

way Food Stores to sell Key Markets for a reported £35m. The move has been seen as a defensive one, effectively re-

Limfood Holdings, which is in moving from Fifth Lovell its afternatives to the reported the middle of a bitterly-fought prime attraction for Limfood. sale of Key Markets to Safeway. takeover battle for Fifth Lovell. The Safeway move has come

discuss "a number of possible

The letter makes clear that

regarding Key Markets such as

one of the alternatives could be an offer by Linfood to purchase

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The Safeway move has come as the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission recommendation on the £96m Linfood bid for Fitch is about to be announced. c expectation is that the bid will be given the green light.

an occupational pension scheme. Where appropriate, they will be directed to their 106 Key Markets stores. The letter adds: "We would expect to receive full information Linfood wrote yesterday to you probably supplied to Fitch asking for a meeting to Safeway during the course of

Grainger, a senior civil servant New minister needed for EEC reforms, says Goldsmith

Call for European free trade

The Prime Minister should, allowed bureaucrats in Brussels appoint a Cabinet minister to take over and foist silly without portfolio to spearhead a controls on people such as the coordinated reforming trusade famous pet tortoise regulations

on an intriguing campaign to institute has strongly opposed. reactivate the stalled progress of He thinks that Britain should the European Community by now seize the initiative. "We switching its emphasis back to should concentrate attention on free trade between member the creation of a true free countries.

happy with many aspects of the damaging bureaucratic ven-common Market" said mistimes" the director-general Mr Waher The institute's own checklist Goldsmith, as he launched a 64 of recommendations for reform BNOC's right to backdate its page policy document entitled runs to 73, covering anything price cuts to February and March.

BANK EXPANSION: The Labour Party's absurdly immediately compensation recommends for reform whether the five which it supports, to the Labour Party's absurdly immediately compensation recommends for reform monetary.

Mr. Goldsmith feels that

within the EEC, the institute as well as important directives of Directors tirged yesterday. on multivationals and em-The institute has embarked ployee participation which his

market. Then there would not "Businessmen are less than be enough time for these

Royal Bank of Scotland has had practical withdrawal policy, nor amounts, which it wants abolins application to open a the Conservatives bague and ished. It urges through going the country's monetary authority. It plans to start business obligations and rejects harmo-



Goldsmith: 'silly controls'

nization of employee partici-EEC's internal market and harmonize product standards stopping individual EEC coun- and make type approval certifitries from adopting different cation the same, to promote non-tariff barriers to third competition, as well as simplify-country imports, such as voluming and harmonizing VAT country imports, such as volun- ing and harmonizing tary restraint agreements. It procedures throughout wants to translate the Treaty of

Although formal tariffs may have been abolished internally there are still many non-tariff barriers and impediments to free trade ranging from competing state support systems to unhelpful border guards. "We have not got free movement of goods and services", says Mr Goldsmith. As an instance, the port of Dover has customs officials on duty every day but

charter".

those at Calais do not work at weekends. The institute wants to dis-

where absolutely necessary on health and security grounds" and harmonize procedures for But its main emphasis is on the benefit of cross-border improving the working of the traders. It also wants to

Community.

mantle border controls "except

ICI profits take the City by storm

ICI took the market by storm Much will depend on how with its £128m profit figure enthusiastically the US interest against the most bullish estinin the shares is maintained. mates of around £110m for the first quarter of 1983.

As the market worked out during the day, last week's Blue Circle caution which tinged the chaircomes from currency profits Turnover £785.2m (£750.2m) relating to 1982 contracts, and which may prove to be contracts. man's optimism was justified. Of the improved profit £20m which may prove to be one-off. Knocking that out would bring Share price 463 up 2p. Yield 5.6% pre-tax figures down to £108m for the first quarter - almost bang in the middle of the market's adjusted forecast range.

The initial reaction was to dramas that have been effecting

push ICI's share index back its leading businesses in Latin through the 700-mark, and the America. shares still finished the day at a Group shares still finished the day at a Group pretax profits last year near-record closing price of dropped from £104.1m to

A gain of 2p on the day ance in the light of the £37m where there has been such a downturn that occurred in strong bull position over the Mexican and Chilean trading last couple of accounts is still profits under pressure from respectable, but there does not economic collapse and plunging scem to be a great deal to go currencies. for - particularly if the market Enormous price increases in as a whole is near its top. Mexico and significant progress

Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce

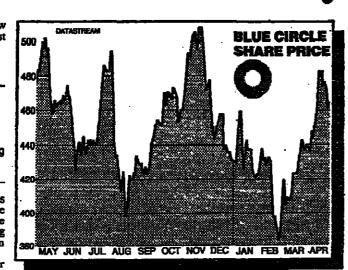
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Blue Circle

Year to 31-12-82 Net final dividend 12.25p making

£90m. That is not bad perform-

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COMMODITIES

\$270m of Mexican borrowings that have assumed monumental proportions in local currency terms as the peso has collapsed,

are unlikely to halt the decline in Latin American returns this ear. growth in volume and substan-tial cost savings, there should be

Low 420,5

have to wait 1984. quarter in UK trading profits to £42.5m, boosted by a 4 per cent

profits, for so long Blue Circle's growth provider, is going to After last year's rise of a

With the industry's common price agreement once more under pressure, both commercially and from the office of Fair

the last price rise.

Trading it is going to prove difficult to push another through this year.

Volume is projected to rise between 3 and 5 per cent and the company will continue to derive benefit from its cost cutting and energy efficiency

John Laing

John Leing
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit £1.3m (£6.1m)
Stated loss per share 4.5p (14.7p)
Turnover £773m (719m)
Final dividend 1.875p making
2.875p (same)
Share price 110p up. 15p Yield Share price 110p up 15p Yield 3.7%

John Laing, Britain's second construction group, largest construction group, caught a cold in its three main

further good progress in 1983. It overseas markets last year has been well over a year since Problems ranged from the the cancellation of a £40m dam building contract and "unre liable" management in Vene-zuela, to a write down of £4.8m on two large contracts in the

> The result was that exceptional losses of £13.3m and extraordinary losses of £5.8m were included in the 1982 results. Without the problems overseas, the company said, pretax profits of £1.3m against f6.1m last year would have been much higher.

In 1983 the group hopes that profits will be in the region of £23m if all goes well.

George Wimpey, the house-building group, managed a £5m increase in pretax profits to £45.7m in 1982 compared with the previous year on a turnover which increased from £1.1bn to £1.24bn. A final dividend of 2.15p is recommended, making 3p for the year against 2.8p last time.

Previou

£24m Dowable bid for Cope lapses

The bid for Cope Allman, the forces with Mr Michael Ashleisure and packaging group, by croft, head of the Hawley the Dowable consortium, lapsed Group, the leisure and entertainments company, and Lin Pac, the packaging and con-Robert Fleming & Company, the merchant bankers to Dow-

able, said that after receiving The Dowable consortium acceptances representing only 22.7 per cent of Cope Allman's held a 14 per cent stake in Cope Allman when the bid was announced. It had launched a share capital, Dowable was consortium-based unable to declare the offer similar takeover attempt last Decemunconditional. Therefore, the

chairman of British Car Auctions and who heads the consortium, launched his near which described the Dowable £24m offer for Cope Allman offer as unsolicited and unwelcarry last month after joining come.

Dottridge buy-out

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Dottridge Brothers of North London, one of the oldest is buying Dottridge for £1.5m is names in the funeral trade Group Captain Anthony Dotwhich has been a family-run tridge, the 66-year-old chairman private company since 1835, is who was a Second World War

Mr David Wickins, the

offer has lapsed.

Dottridge, which has about the 40-year-old managing director and Mr Simon Strudwick, finance director.

The three are taking these three are taking three three taking three three taking three tak funeral companies in Britain. rest covered by a term loan There are about 600,000 funerals a year Britain and costs continuing as the company's for a funeral vary from £300 to financial adviser. Douridge has

The management team which

an annual turnover of £3.4m.

Granville & Co Limited. (Formerly M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited) 27/28 Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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ll	46	30	Armitage & Rhodes	30	-	4.3	14.3	3.3	5.9
H	325	197		325	_	11.4	3.5	13.7	17.2
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WATMOUGHS

Another year of progress 1 for 5 scrip issue

Group turnover	1982 £21 million	1981 £17.2 million	Increase 22%
Group profit	noillian 8.12	£1.5 million	19%
Dividend per share	6.25p	5.45p	15%

Outlook New opportunities available to gravure capacities because of technical innovations. Additional major contracts obtained for 1983. Better prospects for packaging interests.

Report and accounts available from the Secretary, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 8NL

Norwich Union

The Chairman Mr M G Falcon CBE,DL reports:

A modest increase in new business against a background of unsettled market conditions. Bonuses to policyholders increased in October and again at the year end.

Turnover maintained at 1981 levels, but severe competition caused pre-tax profits to fall to £26m.

Life Society

1982 was a year of unusual ups and downs. Sales of individual life insurance and pension policies did well but new company pension business languished. In the United Kingdom we invested £318m of new money, of which £93m went into property, £163m into ordinary shares and £65m into British Government

The market value of the Life Society's assets rose substantially to £4,638m, and considerable improvements were made to our bonuses. and hence to the sums we pay to policyholders.

Fire Society

competition, we resolved to set premiums at levels adequate to maintain our service yet remain relatively competitive. This has meant the loss of some business. Worldwide premium income did not advance on 1981.

Pre-tax profits dropped by one third to £26m, the increase in our investment income being more than absorbed by deteriorating underwriting results. A return to a healthier market is likely to be

slow, but indications are emerging of improved underwriting standards. This provides a glimmer of hope for longer term prospects. The free reserves increased significantly to

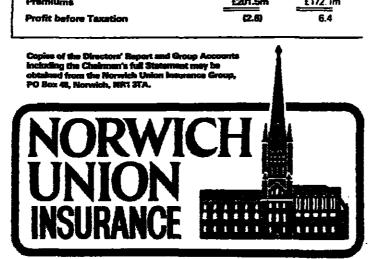
NW Group

Norwich Winterthur, in which the Fire Society has a 45 per cent interest, produced an estimated pre-tax loss of £2.6 million compared with £6.4 million profit in 1981. This loss was primarily caused by extremely poor reinsurance results. Premiums grew to £201m.

Banking

Norwich General Trust, which specialises in loans to industry and commerce, continued to receive considerable demand for its services. During the year 230 new advances were made for £19m, taking total advances to over £75m. AP Bank also had a good year in 1982. There was a large increase in loans, mainly as short to medium term advances to U.K. companies, and turnover in the Foreign Exchange department showed a marked increase.

				
Life Society		1962	1981	ļ
TOTAL PREMIUMS		£470.7m	£394.	8m
New Annual Premiums		76.7	75 .	_
New Single Premiums		118.8	74.	8
Cost of Bonuses	•			•
nnual		112,6	85.	
erminal		16.6	13.	3
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NALYSIS OF PREMIUMS				_
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ire Society				
PREMIUMS		£251.3m	£250.	2m
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nderwriting loss		(20.8)	(4.8	3)
ssociated Companies' eeming		(1.2)	2.9	
conses not charged to other	accounts	<u>(3.6)</u>	13.0	-
ROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		26.2	39.2	2
axation and Minority interests	•	10.5	17.0	3
ET PROFIT		15.7	21.6	3
lividends		10.0	10.0)
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	1962	1981	1982	1981 £2.7n
United Kingdom Republic of Ireland	£256.0m 18.3	£259.7m 17.3	£(15.9)m (4.3)	£2.70
Overseas	31.5	28.3	(4.1)	(2.4)
Marine & Aviation	20.0	17.3	(3.2)	(8.0)
	325.8	322.6	(28.5)	(8.3)
ess Reinsurance with				
ssociates .	(74.5)	(72.4)	<u>7.7</u> _	35
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surance Result		•	13.5	25.0
lorwich Winterthur Gr	Oup (Fire	Society own	ts 45%)	
Inaudited Results		1982	1981	
remiums		£201.5m	£172.1	m
rofit before Taxation		(2.6)	6.4	l



The Annual General Meeting of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society will be held on the 10th May 1983 in Norwich

COMPANY NEW IN BRIEF

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Half-year to 30.11.82 Pretax profit, £256,000 (£201,000) Turnover, £8.75m (£8.28m) Net interim dividend, 0.875p (0.875p)

Pretax profit, \$263,000 (2557,000

Whatman Reeve Angel Year to 31/12/82. Pretax profit, £2.52m (£1.9m). Stated earnings, 27.09p (£6.55p). Turnover, £19.43m (£16.7m). Net dividend, 6.0p (5.0p).

Pretax loss, 257,000 (2557,000

0.42p). Turnover, £6.78m (£8.22m). Net interim dividend, nil (nil).

Half-year to 31/12/82. Pretax profit, £1.64m (£1.53m).

Stated earnings, 3.60p (3.69p). Net interim dividend, 1.43p (1.3p).

Turnover, £9.23m (£8.39m)

Net dividend, nil (nil)

Hawkins & Tipson Half-year to 28/2/83

6.42p).

earnings, 3.88 p (profit,

Fameli Electronics
year to 30.1.83.
Pretax profit, £10.44m (£7.81m).
Stated earnings, 8.5p (6.6p).
Turnover, £41.97m (£33.65m).
Net dividend, 2.0p (1.55p, adjusted).

veer to 31.12.82. Pretax profit, £3,31m (£342,000). Stated earnings, 57.0p (1.0p). Turnover, £183.84m (£154.47m). Net dividend, 10p (3p).

Platignum Year to 31.1.83. Pretax loss, £860,000 (£616,000

Net dividend, nii (0.01p). Elbar Industriat Year to 31.1.83. Pretax loss, 22.31m (22.25m loss). Stated earnings (loss) 50p (loss, Turnover, £68.32m (£65.99m). Net dividend, nil (nil).

Rorder Breweries (W/exham) Year to 28.2.83 Stated earnings, 10.15p (11.59p) Turnover, £15.76m (£15.28m) Net dividend, 5.3p (5.2p)

Coleman Milne Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit, £418,000 (£344,000)
Stated earnings, 6.34p (5.26p)
Turnover, £4.29m (£3.31m)
Net dividend, 1.0p (nil)

Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £24,000 (£1.73m) Stated earnings, 0.68p (13.70p) Turnover, £32.66m (£29.85m) Net dividend, 2.0p (5.0p)

Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £2.11m (£2.65m) Stated earnings, 20.85p (25.03p) Turnover, 223.75m (222.64m) Net dividend. 7.5p (7.5p)

Audio Fidelity Half-year to 31.10.82. Pretax loss, £179,000 (£190,000 loss). Turnover, £1.59m (£1.71m). Net interim dividend, nil (nil).

Year to 29.1.33. Pretax profit, £5.22m (£5.11m). Stated earnings, 10.0p (10.6p). Turnover, £77.27m (£72.79m). Net dividend, 2.5p (2.5p). Year to 31.12.82. Pretax profit, £6.58m (£5.92m). Stated earnings, 12.0p (11.8p). Turnover, £78.25m (£87.26m). Net dividend 3.0p (2.5p).

Silentnight Holdings. Year to 29.1.83.

George Wimpey-Year to 31.12-82. Pretax profit, £45.7m (£42.7m). Stated earnings, 15.1p (19.0p). Turnover, £1.240m (£1,101m). Net dividend, 3.0p (£.8p).

S. Simpson Halff-year to 31,1.83 Pretax profit, £373,000 (£235,000) Turning, £13,11m (£11,15m) Net Interim dividend, 1,31p (1,31)

Base Lending Rates

Land A Transport to the second	44	74
Barclays	10	%
BCCI		
Consolidated Crds	10	<u>,%</u>
C. Hoare & Co		
Lloyds Bank		
Midland Bank		
Nat Westminster		
TSB		

Williams & Glyn's 10 %

Results for 52 weeks ended 31st December 1982

PROGRESS

·	1982	1981
_	£'000	£'000
Turnover	136,901	152,220
Profit before interest and tax:	70,136	13,071
Interest	(2456)	(4,773)
Profit before tax	7,680	8.298
Shareholders' funds	43,481	42,381
Total borrowings	15,343	20,702
Earnings per share, fully diluted		2011.02
Historic cost	7.0 _D	10.7p
Current cost	3.4p	6.7p
Proposed total dividends:		ч., р
on Convertible Preference Shares	2.50	1.5616p
on Ordinary Shares	2.5n	1850

A further reduction in Group borrowings, made possible by maintaining profitability and controlling cash flow despite difficult market conditions, has placed the Group in a much improved financial position with a return to normal banking arrangements.

The signs of recovery in the USA and elsewhere, even if maintained, will take some months to work through into capital plant orders which would benefit the Group. The recent fall in oil prices will reduce expenditure by oil producers, and this, with depressed markets, means that 1983 will be a difficult year.

However, the Group is now strong enough to weather a continuing storm if that should be necessary. Improvements in profitability will mainly depend on an upturn in the UK and world economies.

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victory. "The battle against inflation has been fairly joined, and we see progress. We must

carry through until the battle is

This does not mean he is a

argued successfully for a relax-

ation of the Federal Reserve's

money supply targets last year

His ability to change course

with conviction has been earned

over a long career of 30 years in

private banking and govern-

ment in which he has presided

over the most important US

monetary decisions of the post-

fashioned the United States

position and served as America's chief negotiator during the turbulent early

1970's when the Bretton Woods

monetary system collapsed and

the world moved from fixed to

Now, during another difficult

period when the world is

beginning to question this system, it is the same Mr

Volcker who is recommending

that changes be pursued at a

new international conference on

Over the years, Wall Street

officials have watched in admir-

ation as Mr Volcker has treaded

his way successfully through a

minefield of monetary prob-

The specestion which Wall

Street has put to Mr Reagan is: Reappoint Mr Paul Volcker in

August with the private under-

standing that the central bank chairman will resign in a year's

time to allow the President to

select his own candidate during

for Mr Wolcker has apparently

given the President panse for thought. Aides who predicted

earlier that the central bank

chairman was out for sure are now saying that Mr Reagan has not yet made up his mind and is

keeping his intentions it him-

In any case, a decision is not

now expected until after west-

Wall Street's strong support

his second term of office.

floating exchange rates.

the monetary system.

It was Mr Volcker who

war period.

". he said.

Will Reagan's turbulent central banker survive?

week received that rarest of Washington benedictions - a personal apology from the President of the United States for a barrage of news stories suggesting that he would be let go as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the US central

It was an event of more than a little significance, indicating as it did that Mr Reagan has not yet taken what many believe to be one of his most important decisions since taking office almost two and a half years ago.
"We just haven't considered it"

Mr Reagan said on Wednesday. The fate of Mr Volcker has generated as much speculation as that surrounding Washington's other most pressing question - whether or not Mr Reagan himself will run again for President.

Indeed there are some influential officials, concerned about the fragile state of the economic recovery, who think Mr Volcker's reappointment as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board is more

important They are among the powerful Wall Street supporters of Mr Volcker who have been urging the President to rename him chairman when his present term expires on August 6.

But there are an equal number of detractors who have advised Mr Reagan to get rid of the independent Mr Volcker who has single-mindedly pursued his goal of ridding America of inflation with an almost religious fervour.

His critics in the White House and in Congress claim that this relentless pursuit not only plunged the country into recession but also kept it in a slump through tight-money policies which encouraged high interest rates.

They want Mr Volcker to go In his place, as the chief architect of United States monetary policy, they want someone who is more of a 'team player' and less of a household word.

The fact is that Paul Volcker is associated in the public's mind with high interest rates. I can't believe that it makes sense when you are running for reelection to have someone in that job who is not your own guv", said a White House

Who should replace him? In answer to this question, there is a decided lack of unanimity among Mr Volcker's detractors. At the moment, Mr Alan former chairman of the US Council of Economic Advisers who is a consultant to the Reagan Administration, appears to be the frontrunner. But he is by no means the only candidate in a crowded

field which also includes: Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary who is often at odds with Mr Volcker, Mr Preston Martin, the vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve Board who served as an aide to Mr Reagan when he was governor of California; Mr Martin Feldstein, the chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers; Mr Walter -Wriston, chairman of Citicorp Bank who has stated his belief that a banker should not have the job; and Mr Beryl Sprinkel, a dedicated monetarist who is

under secretary of the US

American economy to recover

from the recession. But the industry leader, General Motors

Corporation, has been lagging behind during a stock market

rally that has seen many other

traded at 64%, compared with their early 1982 low of 34. Now,

however, the stock is selling at virtually the same level as its

on the New Yok stock exchange

are busily looking for new

investment ideas in this market,

Familiarity often breeds oversight in Wall Street, but

General Motors is a good old

name that might produce some pleasant surprises for its owners

This is particularly true of a

stock market that has lately

favoured group rotation, where-

by strong issues lose momen-

tum temporarily as other, relatively neglected, stocks gain.

In GM's case, analysts agree that profits in 1983 and 1984

year's \$3.09 a share.

in many portolios.

by \$1, to 643/2. \$9.75 a share is that people \$15 next year.

Last December, GM shares

big-name issues soar.



than the rest put together. Could Professor Milton Friedman, the 70-year old Nobel laureate and arch-evangelist of monetarist free enterprize finally get his hands on the printing presses he has so long wanted to slow down? He has certainly been a strong critic of Mr Volcker.

Of all the proposed successors to Mr Volcker, only Mr Greenspan appears to have the confidence of Wall Street leaders who nonetheless points out that despite his extensive experience as an economist and government official he has never run a regulatory agency or set government policy.

Detractors ask President to drop Fed's chairman

The other candidates are all faulted for a disturbing lack of knowledge and experience of Reserve system and the International Monetary System.

European officers are particularly concerned about the latter issue. In the past they have blamed Mr Volcker's monetary policy for the prolonged slump and foreign exchange cheats. But they credit him with saving the world from an even more arrogant man but rather a serious debt crisis by issuing an vency in the developing world. carned the right to champion a are urging Mr Reagan to Mr Arthur Burns, the US cause he does not yet believe he compromise. ambassador to West Germany

who formerly headed the US. central bank visited Washingion recently to personally relay these European concerns to Mr. George Bush, the Vice-Presi-

Mr Burns reportedly urged the Vice-President to report to Mr Reagan the strong European support for Mr Volcker's reappointment which officials abroad believe is critically important during this period of nascent economic recovery.

"We'd rest easier if we knew the sure hand of experience was guiding United States monetary policy and if we felt there would be a continuity of policy during private banking positions pay-this critical period, said a high-ing up to \$400,000 a year. As level European Community central bank chief he earns ern heads of state meet in

official. Treasury.

There is one other candidate,

It is ironic that the same Despite all this, Mr Volcker month for the rank outsider more famous intellectual authority and deter-still remains a crusader in omic summit.

stoke the fires of a strong

market by announcing first-quarter earnings of \$2.08 a

share, its largest quarterly profit

in more than four years. This

figure evoked some caution, inasmuch as it primarily re-

flected a build-up in dealer

inventories rather than any

Miss Knight estimated that the company would earn \$9.50

Mr David Healy, of Drexel

Burnham Lambert, estimated

\$9.75 a share for this year and According to Miss Knight: "I

can see this stock selling at \$100

around the \$90 level.

price of £113 374 in 1965.

attractive for further gains.

sharp expension in retail sales.

New York (NYT) - The followers say. The stock now automobile industry has been one of the first big sectors of the Last week, GM helped to

highest price last year. On a share in 1983 and \$13 in 1984.
Wednesday, the stock declined Mr David Healy of Dravel

and General Motors is an all- by the late summer of next year,

too-familiar name, Miss Ann C. as people then will be anticipat-

dividend rate of 60 cents a share stock, along with quarterly before the end of 1983, some dividends. That year, the GM





mination which have earned Mr Volcker so much respect in Europe have also created enemies at the White House. Even though Mr Volcker and the President have been meeting more frequently and on better terms, there was a period early in the Administration

when their relations were not at At their first meeting, Mr Volcker reportedly pointed his finger and "lectured" the President about the potential conflict of his economic programme and the tight money policy the Federal Reserve

intended to pursue to reduce

Some of Mr Reagan's advisers still remember the meeting and cannot forgive Mr Volcker for what they regard as arrogant and extremely uncooperative behaviour. It was not accidental that Mr Reagan and Mr Volcker did not meet at all etween February, 1982 and February, 1983, one official

The fact that Mr Volcker has repeatedly refused to follow the the workings of both the Federal party line - often voicing strong criticism of Mr Reagan's huge Budget deficits and recently breaking with the Administration by endorsing a policy of limited intervention in currency markets - continues to irritate the President's Californians.

Supporters of Mr Volcker say, however, that he is not an committed public servant of superior intellect who has has won.

> Wall Street support gives pause for thought

For this reason, bis friends believe Mr Volcker would accept reappointment even though he would do so at great personal cost. He misses having more time with his wife Barbara, who suffers from arthritis and remains in New York. And he has been offered 69,300. Williamsburg, Virginia, next Despite all this, Mr Volcker month for their annual econ-

Why General Motors lags behind

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APPOINTMENTS

ACA's top officers are named

Mr N K Grant has been elected president of The Association of Certified Accountants Mr F E Blezsdale was elected deputy president and Mr P T Hobkinson, vice-president to serve for the year 1983-84. Mr Andrew Harding has

been appointed as a non-executive director of H P Bulmer Mr Robert L Millbourn has been appointed a director of Robert Fraser & Partners. He was previously a director of

subsidiary Robert Fraser Inter-national. Mr R J Lambe and Mr D W Ashworth have been Robert Fraser & Partners. Sir Authory Royle has joined the board of directors of Allegheny International. In addition he has been appointed

president of Wilkinson Sword Group, a wholly owned subsidi-ary of Allegheny International. Mr Timothy Haddon has been appointed vice president, Amax Iron Ore Corporation.
Mr C J Davies has joined the partnership of Lyddon & company, stockbrokers.

Mr Billy Mundow has been

appointed director, sales and marketing, for the Twinlock Mr Ron Jenkins has been appointed chief executive of

letsave_ myopic man, incapable of looking beyong this off-repeated goal. It was Mr Volcker who Mr Graham F. Puttergill, Mr Roderic H. Smith, Mr John L. Sullivan and Mr Paul B. Walsh have been appointed to the board of Antony Gibbs Holdings, a memeber of The to allow enough growth to promote economic recovery. Hongkong Bank Group. Mr Stephen K Hill is now the company secretary.

Mr John H. Barnes has been appointed a director of the ondon board of Korn Ferry International.

The Unit Trust Price tables have been held over because of pressure on space.

Industrial notebook

Harsh realities of the oil business

centre of the Texan industry, unemployment has doubled in the last year and now exceeds the national average for the first time in many years. The city's offshore technology ference, once acknowledged to he the single most important industry gathering in the oilman's calendar, being turned from an annual to a biennial event. In another oil state, Oklahoma, oil and gas companies are going bankrupt at the rate of one every three

Such are the harsh realities of the oil business in the country where it all began more than a 100 years ago. After the extraordinary trans-atlantic boom in drilling and oil investment that began during the 1979/80 oil price rises, the tide has turned with 2 vengeance. The decline in drilling activity from its peak at the end of 1981 has been dramatic even by the in-dustry's traditionally cyclical

In fifteen mouths, the number of rigs in use has tumbled from its all-time high of 4,520 to fewer than 1,900 where it stands below the level achieved in 1978 before the boom took off. The latest earnings figures from most United States oil companies this week bave demonstrated that falling prices continue to take their toll of even big oil's

The collapse of the Penn Square Bank last year and this week's rescue of Seafirst Corporation are only the most visible signs of the financial distress caused by intemperate loans to oil and other energy projects. Nearly all the shale oil and other "synfuel" projects that President Carter proposed to spend billions of



Former President Carter: End of his proposals

have ground to a halt. To cap it all (from the industry's points of view), even the price of petrol has fallen in some areas below the \$1 a gallon

that the worst of the deterio-ration in the industry's fortunes is coming to an end. The American oil industry has always taken a deter minedly macho attitude to risk, so nobody will be shedding any tears over the fact that its fortunes have taken a turn for the worse. But the trauma is nonetheless,

For one thing the fact that the largest oil consuming nation in the West has now turned its back on most of its future investments in alterna-

tive energy sources is the most

West has failed to take precautions against becoming dependent on precarious Middle East oil supplies again in the future.

way towards explaining why the Reagan Administration has been so reluctant to say publicly whether or not i wants oil prices to fall. All the evidence is that the Administ ration's instincts are to pres for further price falls and the disintegration of Opec but that this has run up against the lobbying power of both the oil industry and the Saudis. The upshot is that the Americans on this issue, as on so many others, have failed to give the lead to the world that they

Jonathan Davis

WATLING STREET, LONDON, ECON 9AA NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 5TH MAY 1983, OR AT ANY OF THE BRANCHES OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND OR AT THE GLASGOW AGENCY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND NOT LATER THAN 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH MAY 1983.

ISSUE BY TENDER OF £1,000,000,000

21/2 per cent INDEX-LINKED TREASURY CONVERTIBLE STOCK, 1999

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS: On Monday, 6th June 1983 On Monday, 4th July 1983

£40.00 per cent £30.00 per cent INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 22ND MAY AND 22ND NOVEMBER

 This Stock is an investment failing within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of the Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to

s. The principal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Loans Fund. ted Fund of the United Kingdo A. The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland. Belfest, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

the Stock Transfer Act 1965. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

5. The Stock will be convertible into 10%, per cent Conversion Stock. 1999 in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 15 to 17. Holdings of the Stock in respect of which the options to convert have not been exercised will be repaid on 22nd November 1999 (inless such holdings have previously been redeemed under the provisions of paragraph 143. The value of the principal on repayment will be related, subject to the herms of this prospectus to the movement, during the life of the Stock, of the United Kingdom General Index to the tellor maintained by the Department of Employment, or any Index which may replace that Index for the purposes of this prospectus, such movement being indicated by the Index figure issued monthly and subsequently published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gasettes.

6. For the pusposes of this prospectus, the index figure applicable to any month will be the total figure issued seven months prior to the relevant month and relating to the month effort first prior month: "month" means calendar month; and the index ratio applicable is any month will be equal to the index figure applicable to that month divided by the index.

7. The amount due on repayment, per £100 nominal of Stock, will be £100 multiplied by the index ratio applicable to the mouth in which repayment takes place. This amount, expressed in pounds sharing to four places of declinals rounded to the nearest figure below. Will be amounced by the Beak of England not later than the business day immediately preceding the date of the penultimete interest payment.

le deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest warrants

9. The first interest payment will be made on 22nd November 1983 at the rate of £1.2060 10. Each subsequent half-yearly interest payment will be at the rain, per £1.00 nominal of Stock, of £1.25 multiplied by the index ratio applicable to the mounts in which the payment

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11. The raise of interest for each interest payment other than the first, expressed as a percentage in pounds starting to four places of decinals rounded to the nearest figure below, will be announced by the Bank of England not later than the business day inputediately preceding the date of the previous interest payment.

interest payment.

12. If the Index is revised to a new base after the Stock is issued. It will be necessary, for the purposes of the preceding puragraphs, to calculate and use a notional index figure in substitution for the index figure applicable to the month in which repayment lakes place and/or an interest payment? Interest payment for the month of payment? This notional index figure will be calculated by multiplying the actual Index figure applicable to the month of payment by the Index figure on the sold base for the month on which the revised Index is based and dividing the product by the new base figure for the state month. This procedure will be used for each occasion on which a revision is made during the life of the Stock.

13. If the Index is not published for a month for which is relevant for the purposes of this prospectus, the Bank of England, after appropriate consultation with the relevant for the month of payment, will publish a substitute index figure which shall be an estimate of the Index figure shall be used for all purposes for which the actual index figure would have been applicable to the month of payment, and such state the relevant in the calculation by the Bank of England of the months of principal and/or interest payable on the basts of a substitute index figure shall be conclusive and binding upon all stockholders. No subsequent adjustment to such amounts will be made in the event of subsequent publication of the Index figure which would have been applicable to

the month of payment.

14. If any change should be made to the coverage or the basic calculation of the index which, in the opinion of the Bank of England, constitutes a fundamental change in the index which would be materially detrimented to the interests of stockholders. Her Majesty's Treasury will publish a notice in the London, Enfinburgh and Belfast Gazettes immediately following the amnouncement by the relevant Government Department of the change, informing stockholders and offering there the right to require Her Majesty's Treasury to redeem their stock. For the purposes of this paragraph, repayment to stockholders who redeem their stock for the purpose of this paragraph, repayment to stockholders who redeem their stock for the purpose of this paragraph, repayment to stockholders with redeem their stock for the paragraph and the same that the change of the old index. The amount of principal due on repayment and of say interest which has accrued will be calculated on the basis of the Index ratio applicable to the month in which repayment takes place. A notice setting out the administrative arrangements will be sent to stockholders at their registered address by the Bank of England of the appropriate time.

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15. Holdings of 2's, per cent index-Linked Treasury Convertible Stock, 1999 may, at the option of holders be converted in whole or in part into 10's, per cent Conversion Stock, 1999 (hereinsites referred to as "Conversion Stock") as on the following detects:

22nd November 1983

22nd May 1994

22nd May 1994

In each case, conversion will be effected at the rate of £100 nominal of Conversion Stock per £100 nominal of 2½, per cent index-finited Treasury Convertible Stock, 1999, fie the value of the principal of the Stock is not indexed for the purpose of conversion and the emount of Conversion Stock receivable under each of the options to convert is thus fixed from the ortant.

16. Notices setting out the administrative irrangements for the exercise of the options to convert and forms of acceptance for completion will be issued to holders at the appropriate times. Where a holding is held folially by more than two helders options to convert may be essercised by a majority of them. Completed forms of acceptance in respect of each of the options to convert. accompanied by cartificates of this for holding of 2½, per cent index_linked Treasury Convertible Stock. 1999, must be lodged at the Bank of England. New Change, London, EC4M 9AA, or at the Bank of Fraind. Maybe Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Bellind. ET1 EBN, not later than 3.00pm on the fifth working day below each date of conversion.

17. Her Majesty's Treasury have directed that Section 326 of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (which relates to the treatment for taxation purposes of financial concern whose business consists wholly or partly in dealing in securities) shall apply to exchanges of securities made in pursuance of the conversion offer.

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18. Conversion Stock will be an investment failing within Part II of the Pirst Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961, and application will be usede to the Council of The Stock Exchange for Conversion Stock to be admitted to the Official List. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this prospectus will apply equality to Conversion Stock as to 2½, per cont Index-Linds Treasury Convertible Stock, 1999, interest on Conversion Stock will be payable believed to 22nd November. Incusine tax will be deducted from payments of more than 65 per annum. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. Conversion Stock will be considered.

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22. Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any tender or part of any tender and may therefore allot to tenderers less than the full amount of the Stock. Tenders will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to tenderers whose tenders are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any tender should be accepted the allotment price). All allotments will be made at the allotment price tenders which are accepted and which are nade at prices above the allotment price will be allotted in full: tenders made at the allotment price will be allotted in full: tenders made at the allotment price will be allotted in full or in part only. Any balance of Stock not allotted to tenderers will be allotted in the allotment price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England. Issue Department.

23. Letters of allotment in respect of Stock allotted, being the only form in which the Stock may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer, but the despatch of any letter of allotment, and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withhold until the tenderer's cheque has been paid. In the event of such withholding, the tenderer will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his tender and of the amount of Stock allocated to him, subject in each case to payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the tenderer to transfer the Stock so allocated.

24. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 Stock. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatiched by post at the risk of the tenderer: If no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or source as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due apprent of any amount in respect of the Stock will render the allotment of such Stock liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfathure.

25. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Walling Street, London, £C4M 9AA. or by any of the Branches of the Bank of England, on any date not later than 30th June 1983. Such requests must be eigned and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment (out a letter cannot be split if any instalment payment is overfue).

26. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration.

27. Tender forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained at the Bank of England. New Issues, Waiting Street. London. EC4M 9AA. or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England. or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England. 25 St. Vincent Place. Glasgow, Cf. 22S; at the Bank of Treitand. Moorne Suitidings. 1st Fioor. 20 Califarder Street. Beliast. 871. 58N: at Mullant & Co., 15 Moorgate. London. EC2R 6AN; or at any office of The Stock

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2¹/₂ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Convertible Stock, 1999

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

1/We tender in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 28th · April: 1983 Amount of Stock lendered for £100-£1,000 £1,000-£3,000

2. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (a)

J. TENDER PRICE (A)

The price tendered per 2100 Stack, being a multiple of 25p (tenders lodged without a price being stated will be rejected):-

I/We hereby engage to pay the instalments as they shall become th may be made in respect of this tander, as provided by the said prosp I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of Stock allotted to me/us be sent by post at my/our risk to me/us at the address shown below.

SIGNATURE. . 1965 of, or on behalf of, tenderer PLEASE USE SLOCK LETTERS FORENAMEIS) IN FULL SURMANE FULL POSTAL ADDRESS -POST-TOWN COUNTY POSTCODE

Polared Process of the Process of the Process of the State Process of the Process Knight, of Smith Barney, Harris ing a further increase in profits Upham & Company, said. It is for 1985 at the likely top of the a stock already well represented current automotive cycle." However, she said, there were indications that the stock first would encounter resistance at Mr Healy is not looking for a price advance of this size. But he said that the stock had a potential to reach between \$75 and \$80 within six to twelve months. GM traded at a record Dert & Fret Dert & Dert Dert Afr Dert Letten Dereck Letten Der Chamical Der Chamical Dereck Letten Der Power Der Power Heater Air Esten Celle Exten Ce Standard & Poors estimated General Motors earnings would reach \$9 a share this year and the \$12-to-\$14 range in 1984. will rise substantially above last The stock, it added, remained The dividend pay-out at GM Several analysis are predict. The dividend pay-out at GM ing higher prices for GM shares held at a quarterly rate of 60 later. There is another kicker. cents a share in 1981 and 1982. At present, the company is the That means a yearly rate of only one of the nation's four \$2.40 a share. In 1977, when auto makers that pays a cash profits were robust, the condividend. It is a good bet that pany paid a year-end dividend GM will increase its quarterly of \$3.25 a share on its common

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cash pay-out amounted to a on Monday to decide on the record figure of \$6.80 a share. common stock dividend for the Directors are scheduled to meet second quarter.

Injury to Withe disrupts Robson's plans

Bobby Robson yesterday lost have enjoyed uninterrupted the England centre forward he runs since making their respectfound on Wednesday night ive debuts but none of the other Withe broke his thumb during nine chosen so far by Robson the first half of the European Championship tie against Hungary at Wembly and suffered a depressed fracture of his instructed by England's mancheekbone during the second and is out for the rest of the league season.

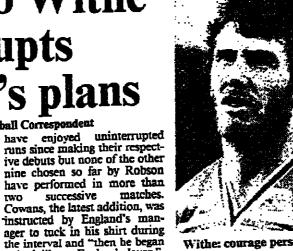
Robson admitted that he had added Withe to the party merely as "a stop gap after Woodcock had joined his other preferred choice, Mariner, on the absurdly lengthy injury list. But events during the crucial 2-0 victory persuaded him to review the international prospects of Aston Villa's 31-yearold forward.

Robson picked out Withe for special praise. "He played with great presence, with great oassion and skill too," he said. He might have added with not a little courage as well. He did wonderfully well for the first goal because not many would have beld on to the ball in that "As for the second," he added. "his chest control was perfect and he will never hit a better cross-shot during the rest of his career.

After Mariner's disappointing performance against Wales and Woodcock's wan display against Greece, the weakness of Withe's claim to England's No 9 shirt was to be seen with only X-ray vision. The facial injury, treated during an operation in Birmingham yesterday, is similar to that received by Wilkins, a former captain who missed the match in Greece and has yet to regain his place six months later. Withe's chances of playing in the two remaining home international games and the tour to Australia in June are limited.

Since Robson will want to use those five games as dress rehearsals for the next European Championship fixture, at home against Denmark at the beginning of next season. Withe must wait to see if anyone else steps forward from the chorus line, as he did himself, to take a leading role alongside Francis.

The midfield cast remains as unsettled. Lee and Mabbutt



Withe: courage personified

Hungary, if they beat Greece at home next month, will overtake Denmark, whom they visit on June 1. That, as Robson Wilkins, if not the inspiration of points out, could be a signifi-cant evening. While their only realistic challengers are at play, Hoddle. But Cowans struck a England are involved in a domestic issue that some regard equally important, the Shilton needed to confirm his annual fixture against Scotland. class with two important saves The last time the "auld enemies" met was on the road to Spain but Scotland's path to gland's defence has been disthe European finals in France has already ended. Belgium, turbed only by two speedy individuals, Rush and Rummewho beat East Germany on nigge. who both struck at Wembley. The Danes are unlikely to allow the evening of Wednesday night, extended their lead in group one and can now be caught only by Switzer-September 21 to pass with such

How they stand at halfway stage

Remaining fixtures: Hungary v Greece, May 5: Denmark v Hungary, June 1; England v Denmark, September 21; Hungary v England, Dentrark v Luxembourg, October 12; Hungary v Desmark, October 32; Greece v Denmark, Luxembourg v England, November 15; Greece

to look like an England player.

During the opening half hour, described by Robson as "sket-

chy". England lacked the authority of Bryan Robson and

perfect free kick for Francis to

put them ahead and Lee found

Withe with equal precision 20

but, since the opening group

three tie in Copenhagen, En-

minutes from the end.

Group seven

fixtures: Switzerland v East une 14; Scotland v Belgium, East v Switzerland, October 12: v Belgium, November 9; East icolland, November 16. Group six

ing fixtures: Albania v Turkey, Mey 12:
v Austra, June 8; Northern Ireland v
September 21; West Germany v
October 5; Turkey v Northern Ireland,
r 12; West Germany v Turkey, October
st Germany v Northern Ireland, Turkey v

Eggs and euphoria for the Welshmen

cracks, and it was understandable that Mike England was in turns relaxed and ethusiastic over breakfast in his Llangollen hotel yesterday morning. The goal by the substitute Jeremy Charles which overcame Bulgaria's determined resistance had been a long time coming, but its significance cannot be overestimated, for it leaves Wales, and England, well-placed to make up for their World Cup disappontment by qualifying for next summer's European Championship finals for the first time.

Bulgaria were always likely to prove difficult opposition, although the quality of their breaks came as a surprise, and it was a tribute to Welsh determination that once again they snatched a win without ever striking any sort of rhythm and with Rush, their most dangerous forward, clearly less than fully fit. With five points from three games in group four, including a possibly crucial away point from the game against Yugoslavia, they could not have made a better beginning to their quest. The performances of Southall in goal and Ratcliffe, fitting in excellently in his preferred position as second centre half, also

The right result covers a lot of provided considerable encourage-acks, and it was understandable ment for England.

TENNIS

stops

court

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

has shared five doubles champion-ships at Wimbledon and last year

was runner up to John Newcombe in the over-35 singles.

Uncommonly fit and (in doubles) highly ranked for his years,

McMillan is now concentrating on

doubles and the over-35 circuit. But invitations to the latter sometimes seen to be largely a matter of chance, so he has to ply his trade where and

This tournament, the fortyninth at the Cumberland Club, is one of

those essential events at which

players on the way up meet those on the way down and those who are not

them are not much use. In the

call - and

faces Lendl

Dailes

Davis Cup player.

England was quick to praise both England was quick to praise both those players, and he reflected: "There's a long way to go. We'll keep grinding away. Last night's performance showed the character of the squad, which I can't speak too highly of. Welsh players are famistic, they have famistic character which they've shown in coming back after the disappointment of the World Cun." ment of the World Cup."

But England is also aware that although character can take you a long way in international football, at the highest level you need good players, and there his options are limited. Although he speaks en-thusiastically of the young players coming through in time for the World Cup, for the moment he has few possibilities beyond the players already in the team. The forth-coming British Championship matches and the match against Brazil offer some opportunity for experiment, with Charles, Hopkins and possibly the young Newport and possiony the young Newport players, Vaughan and Lowndes, in line for starting places. But the search for a creative player so far has been fruitless.

Irish like big time

Northern Ireland are planning to fire their next European Championship shot not in the group six match with Austria in September but against England in the British Championship on May 28. Although the Irish must wait another five months before meeting the though the Irish must wart another five months before meeting the group leaders their manager, Billy Bingham, believes that progress can be made next month along the path to next summer's finals in France. He hopes to persuade West Germany, before the nations meet in what may be the deciding fixtures, that his team have developed a liking for the big stage. developed a liking for the big stage and intend to entertain in France as they did in Spain last year.

If we can beat England it will be

a marvellous psychological boost for us", Bingham said yesterday. "It will make West Germany think and send a tremor around the ring of fire. The Germans, twice winners and once beaten finalists in the last three European Championships, have dropped three points in their four matches so far and dare not concede any more in the second half

his small but closely knit band of players will be in contention to the

The 1-0 win over Albania on Wednesday night preserved an impressive sequence for Bingham of

the team by three years, turned in McIlroy's pass to deleat Albania and must now be wondering when his colleagues in attack, who have yet to score in the European Championship, will follow his example.

The winger kept Albania guessing

officer stated: "Summonses will be applied for at a future date and no applied for at a future date and no doubt they will appear in court." Except for all that, the most remarkable feature of the day was the appearance of the caplessly unfamiliar Frew McMillan. Aged 40, McMillan lives at Bristol. He

qualifying game.

impressive sequence for Bingham of time home matches without defeat, conceding only two goals, in his period as manager, "It is important to keep that continuity against England". Stewart, the youngest member of

with a mixture of trickery and perceptive passing but will need to ride a greater percentage of tackles if Bingham is to find subscribers to his of their programme.

Bingham, who is confident that George Best. "He has a low cente of gravity, terrific speed and a talent to end at Windsor Park, considers the Germans the most likely group winners. They have four home suggested and a talent to go past people", Bingham said.

Belfast has another local boy making good.

CRICKET: WEATHER STILL HOLDS THE UPPER HAND

'Whale' makes bow wave at Lord's

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The weather at Lord's yesterday wealthy counties to a degree." Even was perfect for cricket. It was warm for time of year, the sun shone almost without intersuption. Specday the players were able to let off almost without interruption. Spec-day the players were able to let off tators picknicked in their shirt-steam in the indoor school, which sleeves. The only trouble was that was not, of course, in existence in the ground was so hopelessly attended that for the second day one day's cricket in the middle. running no play was possible in the match between MCC and Mide

At lunchtime, as a reminder that a wide and eager readership. Allen the Indian Ocean or the Caribibean, and Unwin, the publishers, launsomeone, you may be sure, would ched or relaunched various books on the game. E. M. Wellings, the author of the most pungent of them (Vintage Cricketers, £9.95, was playing in 1931 when Herbert Sutcliffe, in one of the wettest summers recorded, scored 3,306 runs at an average of 96.96.

Such deplorable weather was experienced last summer." Wisdom wrote, "that coming on top of an almost equally wet season in 1930,

Lever has Cambridge in trouble

CAMBRIDGE: Essex, with eight second innings wickets in hand, lead Cambridge University by 392 runs.

John Lever, the former England fast bowler, took seven wickets for 63 for Essex against Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday. The University were all out for 165
- a deficit of 210 runs - with Curtis (50) providing the only real

opposition to Lever.
Fletcher, the Essex captain, did
not enforce the follow-on, but juggled with his batting order to give Pringle and McEwan practice. They put on 165 before Pringle (83) was caught off Pollock, who in his next over dismissed McEwan (86). Essex called a "whale", it served its apprenticeship in Melbourne - plied ended the day at 182 for two

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings T S Curis c Gooch b R E East...... 'S P Henderson b Lever.... A Odendaal I-b-w b Lever.... P G Roebuck e Transcer



WR Fletcher, not out.... Extras (b2, w1).....

Lever: seven wickets

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-45, 3-57, 4-80, 5-86, 6-128, 7-133, 8-144, 9-145, 10-165. BOWLING: Laver, 22-8-83-7; Pringle, 14-4-32-0; Turner, 15.1-5-22-2; R. E. Esst, 12-7-16-1; Addield, 15-8-21-0; Gooch, 2-1-6-0. Umpires: J Birkenshaw and C T Spencer ESSEX: First Innings, 375 for 8 dec (G A Gooch 174, B R Hardle (22))

Five Blues available By Richard Streeton

practice. Somerset's outdoor preparation at Taunton this April has which their batsmen each had 15 minutes' practice. "We would play badly need the chance of a bowl," the captain, Brian Rose, said.

a certain Scunthorpe footballer the fittest member of their side. Botham missed this visit to Oxford because of a ceremony on Wednesday evening, when he received the freedom of Yeovil. By a twist of fate, Rose understood the nets at Taunton had dried out yesterday and that Botham was able to

available this term. Inevitably, they include that permanent resident, Roger Moulding, who has already established a record in modern times by playing five times at Lord's against Cambridge. He should complete his DPhil thise year, but the state that will doubtless be at before that will doubtless be at Lord's for the sixth time on June 29. Oxford's other Blues available are Richard Ellis, last year's captain and a Middlesex player; Krvin Hayes, who has played for Lancashire; Jonathan Varey, whose twin brother, David, plays for Cambridge; and Richard Luddington, who also has proby and hockey

club are not anxious to have another Boat Race controversy on their

secretary. John Cart has batted No. 4 for Hertfordshire and also bowls off breaks. Another newcomer is Mark Cullinan, a wicket keeper-

Amarnath leads Indian recovery

sefore lunch on the first day here yesterday. Amarnath, who had led a recovery, retired hurt after scoring

Total (Two wids) 96 Yashpal Sharme, R. J. Sheshi, "Kapil Dev., 15 M H. Kirmeni, S. Meden Lel, L. Sivaremekrishnen and S. Vankstaraghavan to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-18. BOWLING: . Roberts 5-2-19-1; Holding, 5-1-19-0: Marshad, 7-1-22-1; Davis, 4-0-30-0; Flictiants, 4-2-4-0; Gomas, 0.3-0-0-0. Umpires: D M Archer and R Weeks.
WEST NIDIES: C G Greenidge, D L Haynes,
A Richards, H A Gomes, A L Lode, "C H Llo 19 J Digen, in D Marshall, A M E Roberts, M Holding and W W Davis.

6-3, 7-6; E Jones bt L Gracie, 5-7, 5-4, Quarter-finals: Mastz bt Salmon, 6-0, 6-0. Both teams are desperate for Denton pays on virtually anything at the moment; our bowlers, especially,

From a Special Correspondent, Datas

Breaking his journey to Houston and calling in at the World Championship Tennis finals proved a lucky decision for Steve Denton, a husky Texan. He was brought in as substitute for the injured Brian Teacher, proceeded to beat Paul McNamee of Australia, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, and is now in the quarter final round, in which he faces Ivan Lendi, the defending champion.

Denton was still wiping sleet

from his eyes when he learnt around midday that he would be playing. "I never gave it a thought that I would have a chance of playing, for I was fourth in line of reserves behind Johan Kriek, Mark Dickson and Heinz Gunthardt, Kriek and Dickson had started other tourna ments; Gunthardt was still in Ешгоре." Denton, 6ft 2in of explosive power, particularly with his service, had just completed a hectic three days of playing in three different cines and in between flying had managed only five hours' skeep a night. He has never played in the WCT finals before. The curious twist of his meeting

with McNamee is that it was on the strength of his win when they last met at Houston earlier this month that the Australian carned his Dallas

that the Australian earned his Dallas place. On that occasion McNamee won in straight sets. This time it proved a much tougher encounter, lasting 2hrs 52mins – the longest match of the tournament so far – and it did not finish until well past midnight, by which time most of the crowd of 9,000 had left the huge Reunion arena.

With the last two sets needing tiebreaks there was every prospect of a fifth. It all ended on a somewhat or a nith. I an enter to a somewhat sour note, with McNamee shouting to the umpire that he had been cheated over a line decision when the line judge kept quiet and refused to answer his appeals.

Strike averted

A 24-hour strike by players of Hardepool was called off last night when they were paid their wages a week late. The fourth division club's players walked out and refused to train after being told that the money, due last Thursday, was not yet available.

■ Worcestershire are reducing admission prices to the unemployed for midweek county matches this season and also cutting admission prices for families for John Player League matches.

Lancashire's chairman, Cedric

Rhoades, said yesterday that in a poll among the county's members 75 per cent were against four-day championship matches. He said: "Lancashire will fight any attempt to bring in the four-day game. It would mean a drastic reduction in



Davis pins down the mercurial Irishman

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis, the 1981 champion, was all grace and ease against the defending champion, Alex Higgins, when their semi-final of the world championship, sponsored by Embassy, began at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday. There is a long way to go in this 31-frame match which will take its followers into the afternoon of tomorrow but into the afternoon of tomorrow but by the end of the first period sterday Davis had taken a 5-2 lead over the mercurial hishma

going anywhere in particular. In short, it is midway up the ladder, and ladders without a middle in At the other end of the draw Tony Knowles, having beaten Tony Meo 13-9, has been looking sharper than he has been for several months. He singles the organizers use what is known as a "tableau finale", a system by which 64 competitors play down to eight and then join was ready for action against the marathon man of snooker, Cliff Thorburn, of Canada. This match too will not be decided antil

eight previously exempt seeds. The total prize-money is a modest It was no until the seventh frame yesterday that Higgins quickened the pulse of his audience with a delightfull traditional and predominantly British tourmament played break of 71. He had scratched and on an island of greenness and flowers and bird-song amid a builtscraped in the early exchanges, though admittedly the balls had rolled none too kindly for him, and up suburban environment. It is a pleasant spot for respected, of not he found himself three frames down Davis meanwhile had posted renowned, players to try a few shots but never, until yesterday, the king that briefly flew towards a British with growing assurance, missing very little and was quick to lidate. He had breaks of 56 in Davis Cup player.

MEN'S SINGLES: Third round: C Bracham bt C
Enery, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1: R Dryadale bt D'Waz, 6-2,
5-7, 6-2: P Moore bt S Jones, 7-6, 3-6, 5-2.
Fourth round: M Mydurg (SA) bt L Affred, 4-6,
6-1, 7-5; N Sears bt D Shaw, 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; F
McMillan (SA) bt S Eale, 6-2, 6-2; J Feaver bt R
Scott, 7-5, 6-1; Bracham bt A Flenaur (SA), 7-6,
6-2; J Dier bt Moore, 6-1, 6-3; S Sima bt M
Holland, 4-6, 6-2, 9-7; R Levis bt Dryadale, 6-3,
4-6, 7-5. the first frame and 47 in the third.

It was only after a brief struggle that Higgins managed to win the fourth frame and he was encouraged by a hurried shot from Davis on the brown. Higgins made a break of 54 but could rarely display his natural WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: J Revise bt. S. Leech, 8-1, 7-6; L Greeves by V Marier (Aus.), 8-4, 6-3; R Mentz (SA) bt 6 Sulliven, 6-3, 6-3; L Gracie bt L Fargerald (Aus.), 6-1, 6-2; S Rojas (Med.) bt 1, Berly (Aus.), 6-2, 6-1, Fourth round: D Garrett bt M Reinach (SA), 6-3, retired: D Perrell v S Reviews, SCR: Mentz (SA) bt S Weipole, 8-4, 6-1; J Salmon bt C Druy, 8-2, 3-6, 6-1; Rojas (Men.) wo A hasie (M. A Brown bt 1, Geoves, 6-1, 6-2; L Salwart (W.2) bt J Resves, gifts. After a brief interval Davis came back to restore his three-frame advantage. He also won the fifth frame without a fight and was so fluent in the sixth that he left

Higgins with little chance.

When a break of 33 put him 91-13 in front Higgins was left with only the humble pickings. Then came the

treak of 71 which made Higgins feel
a lot more comfortable.

When both players face reporters
during the interval Higgins did most

of the talking, "I still think I'm playing fairly well. I've been looking forward to this confrontation". Davis, however was still completely relaxed. And Higgins was a little edgy.

For the second time this week Cliff Thorburn of Canada, dragged a match into the early hours of the morning. At 2.12 yesterday his comparisot, Kirk Stevens, shook hands with him in conceding at 13hands with him in concerning at 13-12, a victory which put Thorburn in the semi-final round. This was a great feat of endurance by both players, who played for 12hrs 32mins. The deciding 25th frame was the longest it lasted 61mins. eight more than its predect

Thorburn, with sustained satience and concentration, won the last three frames, escaping from the jaws of defeat when Stevens, leading 12-10, suffered from a momentary tapse of concentration to miss the yellow, aimed at one of the side pockets. The colours were in position for a match-winning run, but it was Thorburn who eventually ported them to stay in the match.
Slowly but surely Thorburn won

the next frame and the stage was set for a showdown. But Thorburn had the colours remaining, he left Stevens requiring two snookers. He obtained one of them, but his plans for another failed and his chances receded when he conceded points Thorburn had potted the blue. Stevens, who had raised his game to mexpected heights, thought that enough was enough.

Courte-first C Thotburn (Carr) bi K Stevens (Carr), 13-12. Frame scores (Thorburn Brist)65-48, 51-34, 80-35, 80-9, 21-71, 87-35, 5-69, 32-65, 33-90, 57-58, 105-33, 69-51, 12-82, 20-90, 86-15, 28-82, 58-58, 74-66, 58-69, 83-6, 2-68,

Renewing the struggle

From the stream of political undercurrents has emerged the wellknown saying: "If you can't beat 'em join 'em." Mike Watterson, of Snookssport, may not win his battle against the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) but he intends to stand

for the post of director with this organization at their annual general meeting on May 3, Sydney Friskin

FOR THE RECORD BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Mirmssots Twins 5, Cleveland Indians 3: New York Yankees 6, Kenses Chy Royals 2; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Texas Rangers 2; Boston Red Gox 2, Sastile Mariners 1; Mirwaukee Brewers 6, Chicago White Sox 2; Baldmare Orioles 6, Celdenti Athletics 0; California Angels 13, Detroit Tigers 2.

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MATIONAL LEAGUE: Sen Francisco Giernts 3, Pitisburgh Pirates 2; New York Mets 2. Chicherti Reds 1; St. Louis Cardinies 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 6; Houston Astros 4, Mourrei Expos 2; Chicago Cubs 5, Sen Diego Padres 4 (10 Innings); Philidelphia Phillies 6, Allenta Braves 2, RA SKETTRAI 1 BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Best-of-seven series: Philizdelphia 76srs 98, New York Knicks 91 (Stress lead 2-0); Milwautee Bucks 116, Boston Catilica 115 (Bucks lead 1-0).

CYCLING SARCHRIE Tour of Spain, night stage: 1, G Saronni (ft), 4hr Stmin 1sec; 2, P Murcoz (Sp), 431.05; 8, L Rignon (Fr), 431.05; 4, E Vanderserden (Be), 431.07, Overalt 1, E Lejarreta (Sp), 4650.17; 2, J Gorospe (Sp), 4550.50; 3, A Fernandez (Sp), 4550.52; 4, P Murcoz (Sp), 4552.50

DIVING WOODLANDS, Taxas: World Cup chemplon-ships: Worner s 3-metre springboard: 1, Peng Yuandhun (China): 2, W Wysand (US): 3, S Bernier (Can), Mer's 10-metre platform: 1, G Lougaris (US): 2, B Kintasi (US): 3, Tong Hai (Chi, Tearr 1, United States; 2, Chine; 3, Sodet Union.

ICE HOCKEY TENNIS

ATLANTA: Women's Grand Prix tournament Second round: K. Jordan (US) beat S. Walsh (US), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; A Smith (US) beat A Moutor (US), 8-4, 6-4. **TENNIS**

Wednesday's results EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group oper Beigham 2, East Germany T. Group their Soviet Union 5, Portugal O. Group three: England 2, Hangary C. Demmark 1, Group three: England 2, Hangary C. R. Kretand 1, Albania C. Group seven: Spein 2, Republic of Iraland O. BITERNATIONAL: Sweden 3, Netherlands O. SECONTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Kilmernock 2, St. Mirren 2; Motherwell Q. Aberdeen 3, SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Cowdenbacht 4, Stramara Q.

RUGBY UNION: The prop forward, Gordon Sargent, is to return to Gloncester as captain, less than a year after leaving because he felt he had been treated unfairly. He has been with Lydney this season, but was overwhelmingly selected as captain by Gloucester players

"I have been put up for this appointment," he said, "and I have accepted the nomination." Not given to taking setbacks lying down. he intends to have something to say. Mr Watterson is hurt because his contract to promote the next world professional spooker championship is not being renewed. The event is to be promoted by the newly-formed WPBSA Promotions Ltd.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Cup mercy for Kemble

Gary Kemble, the Hull and New Zealand full back, breathed a sign of relief after yesterday's disciplinary committee meeting in Leeds, Keith committee meeting in Leeds, Keith Macklin writes. He received a onematch suspension, and so will be able to play for Hull in the Challenge Cup final against Fea-therstone Rovers at Wembley on May 7. He misses Sunday's Premiership semi-final with Leeds. The man who was sent off with Kemble for fighting, the Hull Kingston Rovers full back, Paul Lydiat, also received a one-match suspension. He misses Sunday's premiership semi-final with Widnes, which gives Rovers a problem since George Fairbairn, who would have moved back to full back from centre, is injured. Robinson will probably take over.

Tony Johnson, the Huddersfield forward on loan to Hunslet, received a ban of eight matches. Four were for tripping in the Hunslet v Salford game, and four for illegal use of the elbow in an A team game against Leeds. Other suspensions were: Four matches: Bob Blackwood (Salford). Gordon Pritchard (Cardiff City). Roger Hudson (Batley) Les Bolton

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated Second division Charlion Athletic v Shrewsbury Town Southend United v Walsell Fourth division Coichester United v Bristol City iliax v Hartiepool United Port Vale v Peterborough United

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: St Ness v Cardiff (8.30) CLUB MATCH: St Ness v Cardiff (8.50)
CRICKET
LORD'S: MCC v Middlener. (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Essau. (11.0 to 5.30 or 8.0)
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Somerant. (11.0, 50 quera)
SECOND XI CAMPIONESMP. Transford.
Somerant v Warwickshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0)
OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Cambridge University v RAF (Cambridge)
TERRIE: Cumberland tournament (st harmoneum) SNOCKER World Professional Citampional Co

World Cup

Holders: West Indies Contested by the seven full members of the international Cricket Conference (England, Australia, India, New Zealand, West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and the winners of the ICC Trophy for associate members (Zimbabwe). Teams are drawn in two qualifying groups of four, in which they meet each other twice. The winners and runners-up in each group go forward to the semi-finals, which are played as a knock-out.

knock-out.

SPONSORS: Prudential Assurance (total sponsorship £500,000).

DATES: group matches (at 15 Test and county grounds), June 9, 11, 13. 15, 16, 18, 20; semi-finals (Old Trafford and the Oval), June 22; final (Lord's) June 25. (Lord's) June 25. DURATION OF MATCHES: 60 overs a

buration of Matchles: 60 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a second day is available for play in the group matches and a third elso for the semi-finals and final. The side batting second must receive 30 overs to constitute a match. If that is not possible, group matches will be declared "no result"; the faster scoring-rate in all previous matches will decide knock-out matches. HOURS OF PLAY: 10.45 to 7.30; final day, 10.45 to 5.0 (the umpires may order extra time to obtain a finish). POINTS (group matches only): 4 for a win, 2 for no result. In the event of a 2 for no result. In the event of a win, 2 for no result. In the event of a tie, positions will be determined by the greater number of wins; if teams are still equal, by the faster scoring-rate. PRIZE-MONEY: winners, £20,000; unners-up, £8,000; beaten semi-finalists, £2,000; winners of group matches, £1,000. Man of the match: £200 (group matches); £400 (semi-finals); £900 (final). SPECIAL REGULATIONS: maximum of 12 overs per bowler (reduced in a

of 12 overs per bowler (reduced in a restricted match); at the moment of delivery a minimum of four fielders obus the bowler and wicker paus the bower and wicketweepsh to be within an area marked by two semi-circles of 30-yards radius, centred on each middle stump and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch.

Test series England will meet New Zealand

in a series of four matches after the World Cup. SPONSORS: Combili Insurence (£600,000).
DATES: first Test (the Oval), July 14 to 18; second Test (Headingley), July 28 to August 2; third Test (Lord's), August 11 to 18; fourth Test (Trent Bridge), August 25 to 29. The matches at the

Oval and Trent Bridge include play on Sunday and thus have no rest day. DURATION OF MATCHES: five days, a minute days of the bowled on each day. HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 6.0 (or, if

1931. Middlesex have still had only

tomorrow's cricket at Lord's and the

would be to tow them to

Oval. And if the best way to dry the

someone, you may be sure, would object to one or more of the players

As the new machine at Lord's -

its way across the square, it created

a bow wave. There was no way of

a bow way. I here was no way or playing cricket – even a game with no points at stake and with two captains, Gower and Catting, who know, without being told, that it is

less than eight weeks to the longest

Rain today will ico

HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 5.0 (or, if later, when 96 overs have been bowled). Sunday: 12.0 to 7.0. If one hour or more is lost on any of the first four days, play may be extended until 7.0 (8.0 on Sundays).

PRIZE MONEY: \$5,000 for the winners of a match. Player of the match \$500. Man of the series: \$1,000.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: only one bouncer an over permitted; a minimum of 20 overs to be bowled from the start of the last hour on the final day; followof the last hour on the final day; follow-

County championship

Holders: Middlesex

Contested by the 17 first-class

counties, who play eight of the others twice and the remaining eight once. SPONSORS: Schweppes (£250,000). SPONSORS: Schweppes (£250,000). DATES: April 30 to September 13. DURATION OF MATCHES: three days (starting Saturday and Wednesday). HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 6.30 (third day, 11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0). In matches containing Sunday play: first day, 11.0 to 6.30: second day, 1.30 to 7.0; third day, 11.0 to 6.0 or 6.30. POINTS: 16 for a win; 8 for a tie; 8 for a side batting last in a drawn match in which the scores finish level; 12 for a win in a one-linings match (when play starts with less then eight hours playing time remaining).

stans with less then eight routs playing time remaining). BONUS POINTS: (available for first 100 overs of each side's first innings): Batting – 150-199 runs, 1; 200-249, 2; 250-299, 3; 300 upwards, 4. Bowting – 3-4 wickets, 1; 5-6, 2; 7-9, 3; 9-10, 4. PRIZE-MONEY: Champions, £14,000; runners-up, £7,000; third, £3,500; Fourth, £1,750. Match won: £150. Each brous point £5. Each bonus point: \$5. PECIAL REGULATIONS: only one SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Only one bouncer an over permitted; a minimum of 20 overs to be bowled from the start of the last hour on the final day; fines on a sliding scale starting at £1,000 for counties telling to maintain an average of 19 overs an hour over the first and second halves of the season; tellow-

on, 150 runs. Tour matches

Apart from the Test matches and World Cup, the New Zeelanders will play three-day fixtures against nine of the counties and DATES: July 2 to September 2. DURATION OF MATCHES: Three days

(starting Saturday and Wednesday), a minimum of 96 overs to be bowled on

minimum of 96 overs to be bowled on each day.

HOURS OF PLAY: 11.30 to 6.30 (third day, 11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0). In matches containing Sunday play: first day, 11.0 to 6.0; second day, 12.0 to 7.0; third day, 11.30 to 6.0 or 6.30. (Play will continue, if necessary, on all days until 96 overs have been bowled.)

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: only one bouncar an over permitted; a minimum of 20 overs to be bowled from the start of the last hour on the final day; follow-on: 150 runs.

NatWest Bank Trophy

Holders: Surrey Contested by the 17 first-class counties, last season's leading 13 minor counties, Ireland and Scotland on a knock-out basis.

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SPONSORS: National Westminster
Bank (5324,000).

DATES: first round, June 29; second
round, July 20; quarter-finals, August
3; semi-finals, August 17; final
(Lord's), September 3.

DURATION OF MATCHES: 60 overs a DURATION OF MATCHES: 90 Overs a side. If the weather interferes, two further days are available. The side batting second must receive 20 overs to constitute a match, aithough umpires may order a match of a minimum of 10 overs a side on the final day. If that is not possible, the tose of a coin (or some other means agreed by the captians) will decide.

HOURS OF PLAY: 10.30 to 7.30 (the lumpires may order extra time to

Umpires may order extra time to obtain a finish). PRIZE-MONEY: winners, £13,000; runners-up £6,500; beaten semi-finalists, £3,750; beaten quarter-finalists, £2,000. Man of the match: presence, 22,000. Men of the match: 2100 (first and second rounds); £175 (querter-finals); £250 (semi-finals); £500 (final). ESOU (triza). SPECIAL REGULATIONS: maximum of 12 overs per bowler (reduced in a restricted match); fielding restricted as for World Cup.

Hedges Cup Holders: Somerset Contested by the 17 first-class

overs). POINTS: 4 for a win; 2 for a tie; 2 for Benson and no result.

PRIZE MONEY: Champions, £13,000;
rumers-up, £6,500; third, £3,250;
fourth, £1,750. (If the leading teams
finishing level on points, positions are
determined by: most wins; most away
wins; overall rum-rate in that order.)

Winners of each match: £275. Betting
award (most stess in season): £350.
Bowling award (latter of four wickets
in an irrings most times): £350.
Fastest televised fifty: £250. counties, Minor Counties, Com-bined (Oxford and Cambridge) Universities and Scotland, Teams are drawn in four qualifying groups of five, in which they meet groups of five, in which they me each other once. The winners and Compiled by Marcus Williams runners-up in each group go

Total (2 wkts) . FALL OF WICKETS: 1-165, 2-172 Guide to the season's competitions

forward to the quarter-finals and

the competition is thereafter contested as a knock-out.

(275,000).
DATES: group matches, May 7, 14, 17, 19, 21; quarter-finals, Jure 1; semi-finals, July 6; final (Lord's), July 23.
DURATION OF MATCHES: 55 overs a DURATION OF MATCHES: 55 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a second day is available for play in the group match and a third also for the knock-out rounds. The side batting second must receive 20 overs to constitute a match, although the umpires may order a match of a minimum of 10 overs a side on the final day, if that is not possible, group matches will be declared "no result"; the toss of a coin will decide knock-out matches.

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HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 7.30 (the umplies may order extra time to obtain a finish).

POINTS (group matches only): 2 for a win, 1 for no result. In the event of a lie, positions are determined by the bowlers' striking-rate (balls bowled divided by wickets taken).

PRIZE-MONEY: winners, 213,000; runners-up, 26,500; beaten semi-final-late, 23,000; beaten quarter-final-late, 21,750; winners of group matches, 21,750; winners of group matches, 2450. Gold award: 275 (group matches); 2175 (quarter-finals); 2250 (semi-finals); 2500 (final).

SPECIAL, REGULATIONS: maximum of 11 overs per bowler' (reduced in a

of 11 overs per bowler (reduced in a restricted match); fielding restrictions as for World Cup. John Player Holders: Sussex Contested by the 17 first-class

counties, who play each other once. SPONSORS: John Player Special (total figure unavallable). DATES: every Sunday from May 8 to September 11. DURATION OF MATCHES: 40 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a minimum of 10 overs a side constitutes a match. HOURS OF PLAY: 2.0 to 6.40 (but play may continue until 7.0 to complete the

to Toogood

Oxford University and Somerset provided the weather relents, hope to play a 50-over match in the Parks today. Permission was obtained from Lord's for their scheduled three-day fixture to be abandoned yesterday after a start could not be made for the second day in succession. Overnight rain again left the field soaked.

Rose smiled when asked if Somerset's enforced inactivity made

practise in perfect conditions.

Giles Toogood, the Oxford captain, had five other Blues available this term. Inevitably, they

who also has rugby and hockey Stuart Ridge, who opened the bowling at Lord's in 1982, is in residence but is not available; R.A.B. Ezekowitz, who opened Oxford's batting in 1980 and 1981, is also in residence but has already obtained his DPhil. The University cricket

Among the freshmen are John Carr, the son of Donald Carr, the Test and County Cricket Board hands.

St John's, Antigua - India, put in to bat in the fifth and final Test match against West Indies, lost their openers, Gavaskar and Gackwad,

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A D Gaelevaria c Richards b Roberts
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D B Vengearier not out.
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RACING: CRIQUETTE HEAD BECOMES FIRST LADY OF THE ENGLISH CLASSICS

Ma Biche pays back a shaikh's ransom

The enormous Arabian inrestment in bloodstock reaped its richest dividend so far this season when Freddie Head rode Ma Biche to a decisive victory in the 1,000 guineas at Newmarket yesterday. During the winter Maktoum at Maktoum sister to the Cheveley Park season's Cheveley Park Stakes winner. Yesterday Ma Riche won our way two years and that I have ever inden?

Ma Biche to a metalificant looking filly by Key to the Kingdom out of Madge. This is a family well known to English racegoers as Madge is a half sister to the Cheveley Park Stakes winner. Mige: And Ma Biche's grand-dam Midge and the company of the c winner. Yesterday Ma Biche won our top two year old race-looked a bargain at that price as for fillies and finished second to she stormed home clear of Honeylight in the 1956. 1,000 rivals

This victory also represented Maktoum Ma Biche raced in a personal triumph for Critic colours of Alec Head's wife, quette Head in 1979 she Chislaine The trainer plans to became the first woman to train bring the filly back to England This victory also represented a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner when Three Troikas Royal Ascot. "I have been bucky beat Le Marmot and Troy. And in England and will be coming yesterday she became the first here again. The Irish 1,000 of her sex to saddle an English Guineas is an alternative target

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The Maktoum brothers of the Maktoum brothers of the make the sound of the s easy to understand why people are prepared to spend kings

crescendo as Head sent the 5-2 behind Shearwall favourite into the lead at the Heathern Stakes.

Heroine at the Bushes. At this first run on Shearwalk. point Habibti and Rarre Rober- Having used up the colt's trying and after looking danger ous for a few strides a furlong from home, she was outstayed by both the winner and the

Michael Stoute has now had the frustrating experience of saddling the runner up in the 1,000 gumeas for the third time, Fair Salina having finished second to Enstone Park in 1978 and Our Home to Quick as Lightning in 1980. Royal Heroine is now favourite at 8-1 for her attempt to repeat Fair Salina's triumph in the Oaks for the stable.

Head has been French champion jockey several times and has won four Prix de l'Arc de Triomphs. Yet curiously enough his only previous English classic success was gained on Zino in last year's 2.000 Guineas. Yesterday the skilful jockey executed the timehonoured manoeuvre of using the downhill run into the dip to

broher. "Freddie hit :the front far too soon. I shall have to speak to him about it afterwards", was her hypercritical comment afterwards. The jockey however was unrepentant about his handling of the

Draw no advantage

Tote double 3.5, 4.10. Treble 2.35, 3.35, 4.40

[Television (ITV) 2.35, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

Newmarket

2.0 WILBRAHAM STAKES (2-y-o fillies maidens: 22,582:51) (8 runners)

11-10 Be My Valentine, 100-30 News, 6 Rizis Blue, 8 Worling Gold, 12 Rossins Park, Musical

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Hory bay, 1/2 Linearinging, 15 Motivant in Thise, Julia Phys., 20 others.

PORRI: Whitster (6-11) 3rd beaten 8t to High Common (game 226) 8 rps., Think 1st 46 stee good April 15. Moment in Time (6-13) 8th beaten 10 to Johnny Mobody (game 8th) 12 can, the semantant, in those good to set 8 spt 29. Princess Herstaire (6-2) 5th beaten 9-1 to Highway Wonder (no. 70) 17 rps., Lelesster 71 has good to Win Sept 11. Leak Phys. (8-3) 2nd beaten 3-1 to State fast (see 38) 12: rps., Chepstow 71 state good to Win Sept 11. Leak Phys. (8-3) 5th beaten 3-1 to Sharedy Mercy (no. 1b) 7 rps. Newmerket 11 state Oct 15. Woodcots Beale (6-0) 2nd beaten 3-2 to Sharedy Mercy (no. 1b) 7 rps. Newmerket 11 state Oct 15. Woodcots Beale (6-0) 2nd beaten 3-2 to Sharedy Mercy (no. 1b) 7 rps. (1-15) 17 state 900 April 16. Plaid Sephenfox (9-3) 2nd beaten 16 arend state, 10 Newbort 71 mids en 6-0 and 16-11 3 and beaten 16 arend state, 10 Newbort 71 mids en 6-0 and 16-11 3 and beaten 16 arend state, 10 Newbort 16 arend state, 10 Sci. 15 Sealing (level) 21 rps. Newmerket 71 mids state good Oct 30.

3.5 BRITISH SUGAR SILVER SPOON HANDICAP (3-y-o: 28,129: 61) (17)

BRITISH SUGAR SILVER SPOON HANDICAP (3-y-o: 110- FINE BOSE (C): (K Abdule) J Trae 9-7 24111-4 PRINCE SPY (CD) (S Powell) J Statistic 9-J 1122-20 PRIVATE LABEL (F Lee Paper Conversion) M Jervis 9-1 213- COGUITO'S PRIEMD (D) (A Average) B Hambury 9-18 321- ISENDONTE (D WIGGINSTON) H Cool 8-12 120- D (COGUITO'S PRIEMD (D) (A Average) B Hambury 9-18 321- ISENDONTE (D) WIGGINSTON (P Sendo C Netson 9-8 011302- SDAS (C Zentral) W Museon 9-4 1200- D (C Netson 9-8 011302- SDAS (C Zentral) W Museon 9-4 1200- MELTREMI (D) (URS R Hutchton) M Stouth 8-2 1200- MELTREMI (D) (URS R Hutchton) M H Easterfol 9-1 14260- CENTRUST (S Narchod) P Walkyn 9-1 210400- LANDSERK (D) ((W Browning) D Stees 7-8 210400- LANDSERK (D) ((W Rowning) D Stees 7-8 144-185 THABES (D) (W RS D Hayras) M Stouth 7-7 198-41 RURIZ (D) (Y Nealth) N Calledfron 7-7 198-41 BEST MODER (D) (K Flacher R Holdins) and 7-7 198-41 BEST MODER (D) (K Flacher R Holdins) and 7-7 198-41 Herodole, 4 Prince Styl, 11-2 Fine Edds, Miles Thampes, 7-Private

11-4 Merodote, 4 Prince Spy, 11-2 Rine Edge, Miles Thames, 7 Prints, Coquito's Friend, 12 Sideb, 14 Bold Mover, Remz, 29 others.

REMY VALENTINE (A Chiddle) H Cool 8-11

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BOOMS SHANTY (D Wernington) P Brookshide 8-11

KIRSOVA (W Gredley) C British 8-11

MUSICAL LOVE (Dr. C Lehracolose) B Hanbury 8-11

HEWS (Mrs J de Roimenfel) B Hobbs 8-11

HIZZA BLIE (N Viney) F Dur 8-1

ROGANA PARK (G Miss) E Bider 8-11

WORLING GOLD (G Hubburd) M Ryen 8-11

2.35 PRETTY POLLY STAKES (3-y-o filles: 26,815: 1m 2f) (18)

"the best filly over a mile that I

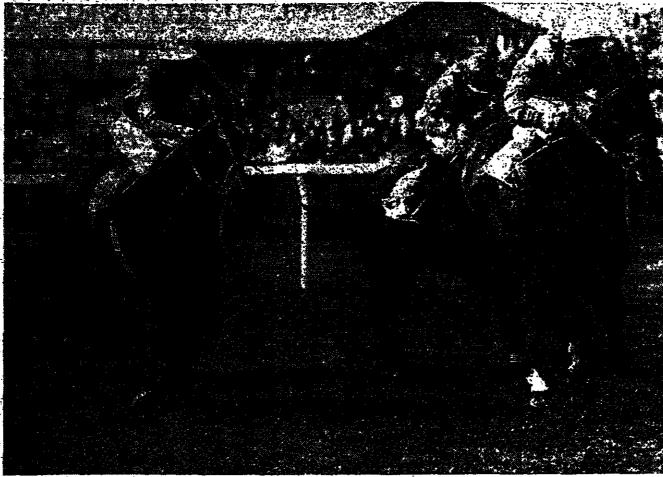
Before her sale to Shaikh for the Coronation Stakes at but that would probably come

Dubai now own an incredible ransoms on thoroughbreds. 238 horses and are said to have ransoms on thoroughbreds. 258 horses and are said to nave Nothing can equal the thrill of spent over £30m on yearlings watching top-class horses strive alone last year. The reported for supremacy. This emotion is £6m that Shaikh Mohammed obviously felt by Shaikh Maktoum who said "Camel racing is looked a realistic price after the Derby favourite had finished." The excitement reached a second, one and a half lengths escendo as Head sent the 5-2 behind Shearwalk in the the

time the hill. Staying on with utmost determination Ma Biche won by one and a half lengths from Royal Heroine with Favoridge a head away third. Habibti finished fourth ahead of Rare Roberta and Annie Edge.

Crime of Passion made the finders. running until Walter Swinburn they reached a challenging set sail for home on Royal position Swinburn had stolen

ta were well placed. Pat Eddery speed to get there, Piggott was was poised on the outside to forced to accept the situation in challenge on Favoridge, who the last furlong, "It's encourag-was not travelling quite as ing for the future", the jockey sweetly as you would have said afterwards. "Dunbeath expected. To the second favour-badly needed the race as he did ite's credit she never gave up first time out last year. I was



Ma Biche is chased home by Royal Heroine and Habibti (fourth, stripes). The third horse, Favoridge, is out of the picture.

pleased". So, too, was Henry Cecil delighted with the horse whose preparation was inter-rupted earlier in the spring by a spring curb. Dunbeath is top-quoted at 6-1 for the Derby by the Tote.

Swinburn had ridden an enterprising race, but Shearwalk certainly deserves full marks for courage. Despite being sired by Australia as a stallion for a

Godswalk, Shearwalk possesses stamina well in excess of speed. This factor contributed to his defeat in some of the top two-Lingfield Derby Trial or in the Mecca-Dante stakes en route to Epsom. "Godswalk is going to

the year", said Robert Sangster, Shearwalk's owner-breeder. Cecil has 102 two-year-olds year-old races last season in his yard at Warren Place.
Michael Stoute plans to run And it was hard not to feel some Shearwalk in either the sympathy for his fellow trainers when his first runner of that age group. Rex Lane, comfortably justified favouritism in the El

couple of seasons at the end of on to complete a double on that remarkable old veteran, Popsi's Joy, in the March Handicap. Opinion is now hardening

that Diesis is going to win tomorrow's 2,000 Guineas after the favourite's good gallop on Wednesday. It is now impos-sible to beat 5-2 about Lord Howard de Walden's full

Diamond Shoal to capitalize on a priceless asset

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

only the most valuable race at Newmarket today but also by far the most fascinating. A battle between top-class four-year-olds has always been one of the jays of Flat racing. Sadly the huge financial gain derived from an early retirement to stud means that the cream tends to be skimmed more often than not

be skimmed more often than not these days.

In this instance, though, Time Charter, Simply Great, Diamond Shoal, Electric, Old Country and Zilos are six of those who delighted us last season still in training. The sight of them racing across the Heath promises to be every bit as absorbing as any classic.

With the benefit of a previous race, and what is more an impressive.

race and what is more an impressive winning one. Diamond Shoal looks to have a priceless advantage and he is my selection. If he is successful he Mrs Head is obviously not will make up for the narrow de aware of these fine points as her of his edge brother, Glint of Gold, broher. "Freddie hit the front on the corresponding occasion 12

months ago.

There was much to like about the way that Dismond Shoal won the John Porter Stakes at Newbury earlier this month. The way that he croised to the front hillway up the straight suggested that he had three-year-old, whom he called improved greatly. And he will not

The Jockey Club Stakes is not need to have improved that much July also saw what he is capable of still to shed her winter coat. In the since lest season to be in a winning position this afternoon. At Newbury, Djiamond Shoal beat Amyndas by four lengths, and now he will be meeting that some horse, who was not beaten far by Ardross and Glint of Gold on this occasion last year, on only 31b worse terms.

Diamond Shoal was beaten

when he gave weight and a decisive beating to Touching Wood in the Gordon Stakes. However, on two other occasions he ran badly, first at Royal Ascot and then again at Doncaster. His history of back trouble makes him something of an

Meetings in jeopardy

Hereikon 6f min sits good to soft Apr 12. Best Bidder (7-4) won shind from Archite. Lad (ginve 26 lb) 6 nm. Haydock 6f in cap soft Apr 13 Coquito's Friend (9-7) 3rd besten 2-1 shind to Prince 39 res 11 lb) with Ardock Lud (mer 7-b) 2nd besten 2-1 shin. Newmarket 6f in cap good to soft Oct 14. Heredelin (9-0) won 1rd from Dabdoub (invel) 15 nm. Leicester 77 min sits good to soft Oct 19. Sidah (9-7) 2nd besten 3t b Broken Habit (med 9-1) 11 nm. Samdown 6f in cap soft Oct 19. Sidah (9-7) 2nd besten 3t b Broken Habit (med 9-15 nm. Yarmouth 6f min sites good Lad 19 min 29.

15-8 Time Cherter, 5-2 Simply Great, 9-2 Diamond Shoat, 8 Sectric, 12 Amyndea, 14 Zilos, 16 Old Country, Mathemat Of Kuswaft, 20 others.

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ten, 3 Geletzkey, 9-2 Jungis Romeo, 6 Sectre, 10 Hard Kingdom, 14 Axkemish,

Newmarket selections

By Michael Phillips 2.0 Be My Valentine. 2.35 Funny Reef. 3.05 Prince Spy. 3.35 Diamond Shoel, 4.10 Our Dynasty. 4.40 Hard Kingdom. 5.10 Fitih.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Be My Valentine. 2.35 Fluid Mechanics 3.05 Miss Thames. 3.35 Simply

Great 4.10 African Abandon, 4.40 Hard Kingdom, 5.10 Fatih.

4.10 CHEVINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £2,452: 5f) (6)

O BURWELL HANDICAP (3-y-o: 24,207: 1m) (1
1 3823-9 SHARP SEA (Mrs S Do Bulsson) B Hobbs 9-7
14-2 MANDIS STAM (C) (C-St George) H Cod 9-5
14-2 CANCERNSH (D) (E-Rymt) J Tris 9-5
3 21429-4 ARTIST'S RIEE, S Neuthon) P Walvyn B-13
7 00-9 ROYAL BRIGADIER (R Moses) 6 Beiting 3-13
3 3097-1 SLACK FALCON (F Salmeth) P Cols 8-11
2122- SEDRA (M Alonsoni) J Dunlop 8-7
1 JUNGLE ROMED (St-G Within) M Stouts 8-7
2 330-40 MAJOR ANTHONY (Durlosne UN) J Scoley 8-5
3-1 KEYBOARD (L Distry) G Prilicitud Gordon 8-3
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9 640-2 SUGAR LOCH (R Modipins) J Hindley 7-8
1009 BALLAGARROW GIRL (P Wits) R Hollenhand 7
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5.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (3-y-o: 1m) (3)

249 DALMANE (J. Hembro) P. Buryoyne 9-0 4- PATH (H. Al-Mektoum) Thomson Jones 9-0 0- GOLDWATER (Sir K. Buth) B. Hobbe 9-0

4.40 BURWELL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,207: 1m) (15)

3.35 JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (Group III: £18,786: 1m 4f) (11)

Today's race meeting at Carlisie has been abandoned because of waterlogging and brings the total of meetings lost in the wettest April on record to 24 - 15 of them on the flat. Today's other meetings at Newmar-ket and Kaunton look safe, but three of Saturday's five meetings hinge on

Ripon stewards inspect at 11 am today, Haydock at 3 pm. and Worcester at 4 pm. All courses report heavy going and at Haydock the top bend has been dolled off and the safety finnit for runners reduced. Ripon, and Worcester both have water laying on the course. Today's meetings at Heyeford and Hexham

threequarters of a length by Electric in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York last August; but with that race under his belt he will never have a better opportunity of getting his revenge. Electric is something of an enigma. Visitors to Goodwood in Charter is well in herself, she has

circumstances, she has not been given the same training preparation that she was subjected to last spring before she finished second in the 1.000 Guineas.

This will be Simply Great's first race since she won the Mecca-Dante race since sine won the Mecca-Danie Stakes at York last May. The reason for that lengthy absence was a small fracture in a leg which he sustained only five days before the Derby, for which he was ante-post favourite at the time. His trainer, Henry Cecil, has been understandably cautious nursing him back to fitness and, like Time Charter, Simply Great may well need this race and more time to return to his best.

Our Newmarket Correspondent has a sateiking feeling that last year's Italian Derby winner, Old Country, who is trained here by Luca Penalized to the hilt for that triumph in Italy, Old Country then ran really well in the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot when third to Open Day. However that was the last we saw of him as a three-year-old because he was sick

during the second half of the season. Last year's Coronation Cup Newbury 13 days ago certainly winner Easter Sun; Henricus, who angured well.

boasts the Austrian 2,000 Guineas and Derby among his triumphs; the St Leger runner-up. Zilos, and Mubarak of Knwait, who won the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot, are other runners who will help to make today's race so the control of the contro absorbing Going strictly by the form of the St Leger, Zilos has the beating of Diamond Shoal at these weights. But as I mentioned earlier, Diamond Shoal has had a race this

that could make all the difference. With 18 comparatively lightly-raced three-year-old fillies standing their ground overnight, the Pretty Polly Stakes looks wide open. By the Derby winer Mill Reef and out of the Oaks winner Juliette Marny, Jolly Bay has a peerless pedigree. By all accounts, she has been showing a lot of promise on the Beckhampton

However, without any experience riowever, without any experience of racing in public, she may not be able to beat another daughtr of Mill Reef, Funny Reef, on this occasion. Funny Reef is being talked of as the best filly that Fulke Johnson Houghton has had in his care since Rose Bowl. Her first effort at Members, 13 days are certainly

Newmarket results

2.0 (2.07) HASTINGS STAKES (S-y-c: makkens: —£4,203; 1m) SOCRATIC, ch c, by Exclusive Native - La Jaiouse (K Abdulia) 9-0 1 Mercer (13-2) 1 Milliontaine, bc, by Mill Reef -Morjesforgaine (S Nigarchos), 9-0 G Starfony (10-1) 2

High Fandengo, by Gay Fandango - Miss. Africa (F McClendon) 9-0 S Cauthen (25-1) 3

2.85 (2.41) HEATHORN STAKES (3-y-cr colls: £8,038; 1m 2ñ (A Specialism), 9-2 Morcon, 11 Gamon, 14 Shy Hambler, 25 Society Boy (4th), 33 Hasty Firt, Serhesed, Thien (8th), 100 Filmp of Greeness, 200 Soldier, 4rt (8th), 12 rm. TOTE Wirt 27.60, Piscast 21.50, 22.30, 21.10, DF: 98.30, CSF: 220.11, M. Stouts at Newmarket, 11, 1½, 2min 09.88sec.

3.15 (3.24) 1,000 GUNRAS STAKES (8-y-c: Blee: Group I: 271,472-1m)

MA BICHE, br 1. by KEY to The Kingdom - Madge (Maldoum Al Maldoum) 9-0

F Head (5-2 law) 1

Royal Herolme, br 1. by Lypheor - My Sierra Leone (R Sangsiar), 9-0

W R Sainburn (10-1) 2

Feveridge, b 1, by Fivra Ridge - Feveriette (F Moler), 9-0

Also nev 10 Heishini (4th 11 St Salfon 12 Moller), 9-0 PEddery (7-2) 3
Also ran: 10 Habibei (4th, 11 Sei Salling, 12
Shere Ling, 16 Annie Edge (2th), 20 Hameinco.
25 Myra's Best, 40 Henry's Secret, 50 Octovia
Gri, 66 Chime of Passion, Le Grigle, Solinile,
100 Dancing May, Indian Ludy; Pare Robert
(5th), 500 Acoras Pradiction, 18 ran.
TOTE: Wirt 21,70. Places: 21,80, 23,20, 21,80.
DP: 227,70. CSP. 222,80. Mrs. C Head In
France. 1,1,1, hd. 1min 41,71 sec.

3.45 (3.63) EL CAPISTRANO STAKES (2-y-o: maidanis 52,834:50) REX LAKE, b c. by Mershua's Dencer - young Rutarina (Mrs M Burrell) 9-0 regent (13-8 fav) t for til Mershub, ch c, by Ahonoora - Sea Swellow U Fehrer) 9-0 PRobinson (50-1) 2 cost.

7.45 MELODY MAN HURDLE (£1,245:

2 00-0 Every Extra 9-11-11 __Air Williams 4 5 100 Jubites Madel 6-11-11

2m) (15)

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4,15 (4.20) BRETBY HANDICAP (£4,012: 6f) Also ren: 7-2 fav Precis, 8 Vorvados, 13-2 Avormore Wind (Sth), 7 Kathred, 8 Old Dominion, 16 Mummy's Pleasure, 25 Gables, Hay Habit, 33 Mean Francine, Northorpe (Sth), Betatina (4th), 14 ran.

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The Jockey Club have bent their rules preventing the division of sponsored races, so that the National Hunt flat race at Cheltenham next Wednesday can be split. The Amateur Riders Association, the sponsors of the race, made the request after approaches from a number of trainers, keen to run their young horses. Five trainers have agreed to reimburse the association for the £500 that the extra race will

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TAUNTON SELECTIONS: 5.45 March Fundango, 6.15 Koya Way, 8.45 Beav Ranger 7.15 Saspring, 7.45 Haffa Joy, 8.15 Gap.

Severizno Ballesteros turned a the more difficult front half of the round which promised little after eight unproductive boles into a course in 30 strokes. He owed much to his putter, for he holed five times record-breaking 64, eight under par, to take command in the first round of the £60,000 Italian Open on the from more than 10 feet as he brought his tally of birdies for the round to eight. Ugolino course here yesterday. He leads by three strokes from Rallesteros set another course lan Mosey, Gordon Brand jur, Bernhard Langer, Juan Anglada and Wayne Westner. The defending champion, Mark James, is among a

Ballesteros act another course record, yet many will play better this week without handing in a good score. The art of the game, however, is not how you play but how low you score. Ballesteros is a true champion because he can make something out of nothing.

group on 68 and Sandy Lyle, winner in Madrid last week, took 69. Greg Norman finished with a 75. He also has an extra incentive this week because the Italian Open Ballesteros's intention was to make immediate progress since be remains one of the two Continental was starting his round on this picturesque course at the tenth. The championships he has not won. The other is the Portuguese and a victory here would benefit the Portuguese since Ballesteros would consider playing in the Open in November. mward nine starts with three par fours, all of which the Spaniard could drive if he chose to unleash Mosey can be forgiven for thinking that he should have scored lower since he managed nine birdles sixteenth also in range and two par fives, an in-form Ballesteros could be fully expected to threaten the 30 and he did not have to hole a put of more than six feet, which shows the accuracy of his play. Torrance fell away because he needed three puts. barrier.

True to form in this game, it did
not quite work out that way.
Ballesteros found the green at the
eleventh (283 yards) with a threewood but after that he was strangely
subdued and a little out of touch. He

away because he needed three puts at each of the last two greens. Fortune shope on Gordon Brand inr. He holed from 40 feet for a birdie at the first and he chipped in for another at the sixth. He also managed to bole a 78-yard wedge shot for an eagle two at the twelfth in his 67.

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If Belooch (SA).

managed to make a tour with fitte difficulty. At the sixteenth (308 yards) Ballesteros employed his power to get to within four feet of the green. The pitch, however, was out of character, struck with a strange absence of authority and with the bell coming to rest 10 feet. Card of course

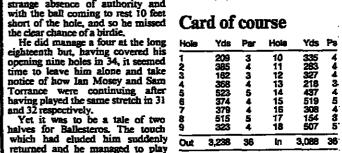


TABLE TENNIS

China hold on team titles looks secure

Tokyo (Reuter) - China made a predictably powerful start when they opened their defence of the titles at the thirty-seventh world championships here yester-day. The Chinese men trounced the United States 5-0 and beat the dosged West Germans by the same margin. The women beat the Netherlands and France, both 3-0. China, led by the world champion Gue Visabus plays Sauden today in

one of his specials, and with the

subdued and a little out of touch. He studied his second to the fifteenth (519 yards) for several minutes before striking a fairway wood out to the right and into a deep bunker.

He took five and Bernard Gallacher, playing alongside him, managed to make a four with little

Guo Yuchua, play Sweden today in what promises to be one of the most fascinating encounters of the tournament. The Swedes had their problems bearing the United States and if this is any indication of form they will also fall to China. The biggest upset of the day was the defeat of the European champion Michael Appelgren, seeded No 4. He was beaten 22-20, 22-20 by Ricky Scemiller, an unseeded American. "It was unbelievable. The best win of my life," Seemiller

said afterwards.

Jan-Ove Waldner, aged 17, was Sweden's best player. He looked very impressive in defeating Eric Boggan. Waldner, who started playing table tennis at the age of three, is a calm and calculating player whose service has been transformed since a visit to Peking transformed since a visit to realing last year. Some experts were already imagining him in the men's singles finals against Guo, who at 27 may be slightly past his peak. Guo, a physical education teacher, can still physical equeation teacher, can still move around at remarkable speed, however, and he changes his service from low-level to a high-thrown ball with baffling skill.

Guo did not take part in the match against the United States but

took all seven titles at the last championships in Yugoslavia two-years ago and on current form could repeat the performance.

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match against the United States but played twice against the West Germans, beating Georg Boehm 21-15, 21-17 and then being taken to three sets by Ralf Wosik before winning 13-21, 21-11, 21-17. China

IOC will reconsider drug rules

IN BRIEF

Lausanne (AP) - The Inter-national Olympic Committee (IOC) will study its drug-testing require-ments after the Los Angeles Olympic Games organizing com-mittee's refusal to test athletes for caffeine and restosterone at the 1984 games. The IOC's medical comgames. The IOC's menical com-mittee have taken the Los Angeles decision back for study, and may change their policy. The Los Angeles group has said it will not make the tests unless it receives conclusive scietific evidence that they are valid.

Moter Sport: Jaguar, once the dominant name in world motor racing, return to racing in Britain this weekend at Donington Park. It this weekend at Donington Park. It is 20 years since their last involvement in motor sport, and they are looking for victory in the third round of the European touring championship decided over 160 laps of the Donington circuit. Jaguar have entered two XIS coupes, and Tom Walkinshaw and Chuck Nicholson share one drive in the Nicholson share one drive in the four-hour race. The other car is in the hands of John Fitzpatrick and Enzo Caldenari.

● Barry Sheene and Kenny Roberts will be competing for a £20,000 prize when they lead their teams in the first round of the Mariboro Transatlantic Trophy at Oniton Park tomorrow. The mi will be awarded if a rider can win all six of the match races between Britain and United States.

BOXING: Leroy Haley will defend the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-light-weight championshi against his fellow American, Bruc Curry, in Las Vegas on May 18. The bout will be held two days before bont will be held two days before Las Vegas stages the programme of two heavyweight championship bouts, with the WBC champion, Larry Holmes against Tim Witherspoon, and his World Boxing Association counterpart, Michael Dokes, against Mike Weaver.

YACHTING Cudmore leaves cup squad

Harold Cudenore, the Irish sailor who was one of the first men to be retained by the Victory Syndicate, has left the squad now preparing for its challenge for the America's Cup in September. Peter de Savary, chairman of the syndicate, exchairman of the syndicate, exchairman best based Cudenors had plained that he and Cudmore had opposing views as to the strategy required by the challenge during the next few months and that his views

Cudmore has always appeared to be a key man among the syndicate's sailing executives and his departure is the first public indication of any differences within the camp. If he and Mr de Savary have seriou differences it is obviously better for them to part company now rather than on the eve of the first race, as happened with John Oakley and the Lionheart syndicate in 1980.

The sailing executive group, which comprises Phil Crebbin, Lawrie Smith, Rodney Pattisson and Peter Bateman (coach), has now been joined by Chris Law. His designated role is mainshert trimmer, an important post but not one that one would have thought tempting to one of Britain's most skilful helmsmen.

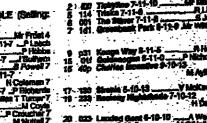
Law is an intelligent and aggressive sailor with wide experiaggressive sintor with water exper-ence in dinghies, racing keelboats and offshore yachts. His known ambition has been to represent Britain in the Soling class in next year's Olympic Games. Presumably he feels the loss of a season's sailing can be allowed for in his

One of two new men have joined the crew squad from which the eventual challenging crew will be selected; otherwise the personnel are those who committed themselves with the launching of the first Victory in 1982, Victory '83, the new boat built last month, has now been fitted out at Newport, Rhode

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A team with an inimitable style

Prosser, the power behind the Pontypool machine

"I had to come to see for myself," the faithful lady Coventry supporter said. "I had seen the place on television, it looked such a splendid park." Well," my neighbour whispered, "she wouldn't travel all that way expecting to see some rugby here, would she?"

It is a kind of jibe, goodhumoured mostly, which the Pontypool supporters are accustomed to hearing of their team. They are now so immune that they are quite fond of telling such stories against themselves. If the ball reaches the stand-off half they reckon that a passing movement is deemed to have taken place, and if the ball goes any farther they would have to reconsider whether to renew their season tickets or not. Such is their respect for local

The beauty and graciousness of the park is an incongruous setting for a style of play with few subtleties. When the sun shone the other day and the men sat, shirt-sleeved and colourful, on the slopes, Richard Sharp was moved to remember those occasional Sunday matches he used to play in Dorking. The comparison with genteel Surrey, I presume. ended once the teams took the field as Pontypool, though not at their best, proceeded to take Coventry ruthlessly apart.

The park, once the possession of the Hanbury family, is now under the jurisdiction of the Torfaen district council. But the acre of so in the middle belongs, at least in spirit, to one man: rugby coach, he is identified with the whole town much as Bill Shankly was with Liverpool, and has developed with singular vision a brand of rugby which is synonymous with his

It is based on a furious forward commitment which is awcsome in power and selfless combative and supremely efficient in gaining and keeping possession. It is so strenuously aggressive that it is often mistaken for violent intention. If in the early days Pontypool were thought to have over-stepped the mark of what is acceptable within the game -London Welsh and Swansea discontinued fixtures - the legacy of that reputation, much of it unjust nowadays, has been inherited so that others are frequently the aggressors. As in the Wild West, someone, somewhere, still feels the need test the old gunslinger



Ray Prosser (left) and a great Pontypool and Wales forward of recent years, Terry Cobner

so only with the proviso that he could telephone home every week to speak to his family. Despite his conventional image, he is a sensitive and compassionate man.

His wife, to whom he was utterly devoted and whom he had cared for through several years of terminal illness, died a month ago. This will leave an unbridgable gap in his life. With distressing irony, the tradedy came at the moment of his greatest rugby triumph in that at last Pontypool had realized heir ambition. Now, at 55, and after 13 years of coaching. Prosser has taken his club to the Welsh Cup final.

So many teams are so alike these days that there is scarcely any way of differentiating between the mediocre. By force of personality Prosser has created a distictive style which, whether the purists would agree or not, is successful.

What is undisputed also is that, although on the periphery, he has played an influential role in the national team's success. He had never attended a Welsh coaching course and although attempts have been made to persuade him into the official fold, he has remained a maverick, outside the system.

Throughout the seventies four members of his team - the Prosser was capped 22 times Pontypool front row and Terry as a prop for Wales. Essentially Cobner – formed half of the

BOXING

Patterson's turn to

be taught his job

By Alan Hubbard

Among the many words spoken at yesterday's press function for the Wembley boxing promotion on Tuesday it was curious that not one was exchanged between Scott Ledoux, who meets Frank Bruno, and his distinguished fellow American, Floyd Patterson. It was only afterwards that Ledoux admitted he was unhappy about the presence of the former world heavyweight champion as Bruno's freshly hired tactical adviser.

United States circuit.

Aged 34 and, he says, a dollar millionaire from property investments, he acknowledges that he is approaching the end of that rocky ment could be the final lay-by. "Whatever the result I'm considering retirement. The time to leave is coming because while the ability is still there, the desire isn't."

Before his departure, though, he is optimistic of giving the unbeaten

tactical adviser.

"The guy's supposed to be chairman of the New York Boxing Commission, for Chrissake", the man from Minneapolis growled.

"His job is to protect the interests of all fighters, not to be committed to opponents have been in boxing?

"His job is to protect the interests or about bruno except that none of his all fighters, not to be committed to opponents have been in boxing's one. He should be above that sort of thing. It's not his job."

Ledoux, whose permanently seem before. Let's see what happens

Ledoux, whose permanently purple-shadowed eyes and Big Dipper nose bear the classical hallmarks of a ring-worn veteran of his trade, is known in boxing for speaking his mind. It was he who caused a Grand Jury investigation into the allegedly monopolistic practices of the leading promoter, Don King, and he pulls no punches when talking of the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes. "He doesn't hit too hard but he has excellent thumbs."

Holmes was one of five world champions encountered by Ledour in a 17-year, 47-bout career that has last Vezas and Madison Square Garden to, more recently, less auspicious venues in Sioux Falls, Fargo and Casper, Wyoming, known as "tank towns" on the

Among the many words spoken at United States circuit.

a man of the valleys he is a Welsh pack. This year an reluctant traveller and even had unprecedented five players to think twice and more represented Wales in the pack. whether he could find it in Apart from Squire, who originized to go to New Zealand inally played for Newport, all of with the Lions in 1959. He did them are home-grown talent whose rugby careers have been

shaped by him.

Such is their command of possession in every phase that the opposition invariably have to live on a diet which is positively anorexic in its econ-omy. What Pontypool do they do efficiently, without compromise or apology. If comments about their style are often derogatory, it should be borne in mind that rugby should have no limits to its appeal. It is up to the other teams to prove that a different style might be better. Swansea will have the opportunity tomorrow to see whether theyhave it in them to overcome Prosser's inimitable style.

Gerald Davies

Referees taking **European finals**

The first leg of the UEFA Cuping between Anderlecht and Benfica, on May 4, will be referred by Rogdan Dotschev, of Bulgaria; with Charles Corvet, of the Netherlands officialing in the return leg in Lisbon on May 18. Gianfranco Menegali, of Italy, will control the Cup Winners' Cup final between Real Madrid and Aberdeen in Gothenburg on May 11. The in Gothenburg on May 11. The European Cup final in Athens on May 25 between Juventus and Hamburg will be handled by Nicolae Rainer, of Romania.

SQUASH RACKETS

Frenchmen

serve up

big money

By Richard Eaton

A sponsorship of a quarter of a million pounds over three years has

been made available by the company, Guy La Roche, beginning

with the French Open champion

ships from May 10 to 15. After las

ships from May 10 to 15. After last week's announcement of a £200,000 grand prix circuit with major changes in ball, court, and scoring this is the second piece of unexpectedly optimistic news squash has had in quick succession.

Comparisons with the revolutionary World Championship Squash circuit are relevant because the

circuit are relevant, because the French Open will be the first

tournament to use a white ball, which in theory should assist

television, spectators and players to see better.

It will also be played on the first court with a blue floor and four glass walls, which will be erected in the

Winter Circus in Paris, and have a

seating capacity of 2,000.

The introduction of these changes

The introduction of these changes reflects the rapid development of the game in France. There were 15,000 players in 1980; last year there were 50,000, and the French Squash Rackets Association's projection for 1985 is 150,000 players with 1,200 courts. This year's prizemoney of £27,000 means that a grade one tournament in France with all the world's leading players

grade one tournament in France with all the world's leading players is, for the first time, guaranteed.

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Commercial property/Baron Phillips

Disenchantment with the City

There is little evidence to suggest that the Confederation of British Industry's belief of an improved economy is reflected in the property market. Quite the opposite, in fac as the market's barometer - City offices - continues to look depressed and the short-term forecast

Despite talk of new ground being broken in the lettings market as rents climb to record levels, Richard Saunders & Partners City floorspace survey indicates an entirely different picture. During March just over 200,000 sq ft of office accommodation was either let or came under offer in the City while the amount of vacant soace at 3,380,178 sq ft is the highest since

In the City fringes empty office buildings now total 4,875,324 sq ft after a month's lettings of 182,490 sq ft. Prospective tenants looking at the City market, in its broadest sense, can now choose from more than eight million sq ft of commercial buildings.

Of course these figures do no include the grandiose office schemes proposed just south of the river within the SEI postal district. If built they will probably add a further three to four million sq ft to the existing total.

Estate agents and developers, naturally, adopt a far more positive attitude to the oversupply than a casual observer might. The RS&P figures indicate a stock which at present take-up levels is only one and a half years' supply in the City fringes, apart from any new developments which may come on stream within that period.

Demand is clearly high for the central, well-defined banking and insurance areas of the City where the three main buildings let last month, the 38,735 sq ft at Milk Street and 31,000 sq ft at Cliffords Inn, are clearly less than prime. These buildings alone accounted for half the City's take-up during March.

Clearly there is growing disen-chantment with the City market and its fringes. Lysander Estates' decision to pull out of the massive £200m Surrey Docks development and allow the London Docklands Development Corporation to sell



Derby-based developers Viking Property Group have released details of their first office project in the US. Located on the corner of Connecticut Avenue and M Street in Washington DC, the project includes restoration and refurbishment of one of the few remaining Victorian houses built in the city. Viking propose to develop 133,446 sq ft of new offices behind the house, together with some retail space at street level. Weatherall Green &

the site piecemeal, probably to housebuilders and industrial builders, underlines the investors' view, Closer to the City, insurance giant Legal & General has decided to sell its 87,000 sq ft office building in Finsbury Square. The building is in a part of the City which has found little favour among tenants for two or three years, at one time it was estimated that around Finsbury

Square and Finsbury Pavement as

much as a million sq ft of offices were available to let.

Legal & General's building was once leased to the Iranian oil Services but has been vacant since the Government decided to wind up the company's activities. Richard Ellis and Weatherall Green & Smith, the agents, are to offer the freehold for sale at £1 1 m. The insurance group says it is prepared to grant a new 25-year

lease on the eight-floor building at a rent of less than £10 a sq ft. That may be optimistic in the present market an owner-occupier may be

more likely than a tenant. The City has gone extremely flat despite the speculation surrounding Atlas House on Cheapside, reportedly being leased at a rent over the £32.12 a sq ft level established in

Bishopsgate last summer. Future expansion and growth in lettings may depend on the outcome of the long-awaited general election. But at the heart of the problem is the simple fact that commerce and industry are not expanding. It did look for some time as if the City was recession proof, it clearly is not.

♠ A rent of £13 a sq ft is being sought for the Ripley-based group's new 48,700 sq ft office development

new 48,700 sq ft office development in Staines. Now under construction, the scheme is being undertaken in conjunction with Clerical Medical and General Life Assurance.

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Vauxhall Nova, General Motor's long-awaited answer to the BL Metro, Ford Fiesta and Volkswagen Polo goes on sale in Britain today after months of useful publicity. A union threat to ban its importation from Spain unless Vauxhall increased production in the United Kingdom has served to whet appetites for the car.

It is seven months since it was launched at the Paris motor show as the Opel Corsa. Now that the union dispute has been resolved Vauxhall is joining the battle in the small car class for the first time. The car itself follows the well-established pattern of a tranverse engine driving the front wheels with three power options, 1 litre, 1.2 and

It is an adequate performer without being particularly exciting. But it does have one considerable advantage. It is the only car in its class being offered in saloon form. Weber 32TL carburettor, higher as well as the universally popular compression ratio and a modified hatchback. More important, the camshaft. Nova's boot is not just a nominal protrusion offering the greater security of a boot lid instead of the more vninerable shelf-covered space of a hatchback. At 15.3 cubic ect it is positively voluminous and it has a low sill for easy loading. The saloon version of its big brother, the Cavaller, has one of the best boots in its class and is still only 3 cubic feet bigger.

Prices for the Nova rage from

£3,495 for the 1 litre to £4,273 for the 1.2 litre, three-door hatchback. The price for the 1.3 SR will not be announced until July, because of that model's delayed appearance in Families who in the past have had to stretch their budgets to buy a

larger car simply for the boot space will find the Nova saloon offers a much less expensive alternative. There are about 30 variations of the Nova design but Vauxhall have sensibly opted to import only five: a l litre and 1.2 litre in hatch and saloon form, and the more sporty 1.3 SR. All have a four-speed transmission except the SR, which has a five-speed box with fourth

and fifth gears acting as overdrives.

The basic Nova has a top speed



Vauxhall plan to sell 27,000 Novas by the end of the year and about 50,000 in 1984. Executives admit privately that both figures probably err on the side of caution. No sense in stirring up more trouble with the unions or the strong lobby in the House of Commons which would like to see curbs placed on Spanish car imports until the Spaniards open their protected home market to reciprocal exports from Britain.

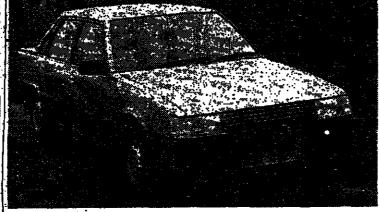
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But let me start with the good things. The obvious contender for pride of place is the new ohc aluminium engine, which is in line with the latest trend in engine design. Most manufacturers are rushing through power units with considerable increased low-speed pulling. The prize is obvious; lower revs plus higher gear ratios spell better fuel consumption.



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to produce 90 per cent of its torque from only 2000 rpm and after an extended test I have no reason to doubt that claim. The engine starts immediately on its automatic choke and settles quickly into a comparatively slow but reliable tickover. Ever since I drove my first Toyota with a five-speed gearbox I have had high regard for the accuracy and easy operation of its change mechanism. Allied to the new engine it makes for very relaxed driving indeed.

Initial reservations about the cable-operated change mechanism proved groundless and show just

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Slow speed manoeuvering is a

tiring business. Toyota tell me they have no intention of offering power steering as an option at present. I think they may well regret it.

Despite the use of rack and pinion steering there is also some vagueness about its straight line steering at speed. Together with an unacceptable level of wind noise it imparts a feeling of edginess which is all the more noticeable because of the engine's effortless high-speed capability. At 70 mph it is still turning over at less than 3000 rpm.

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(8.45-9.00). 9.25 For Schools, Colleges: Higher Education; 9.52 Sex Education; 10.15 Home Economics: 11.00 Capricon Game, part 1; 11.19 Hyn o Fyd; 11.40 Life and Social Skills

12.30 News After Noon; 12.57

subtitled news headlines. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: The lunchtime music and chat Seabrook's regular gardening spot, Dig This; 1.45 Postman Pat (r); 2.82 For Schools, Space: 2.35 Ghana.

3.00 Sir Frank Whittie: Jet Pioneer. A film about the man who made the conventional method of aircraft propulsion obsolets 42 years ago (r).

3.55 Play School: Barbara Mitchelfill's story The Very Old Black Kettle (on BBC 2, at 11.00 am): 4.20 The New Playhouse: The Witching use. With Geoffrey Bayldon Tony Boncza and Roy Kinnear

5.10 Breskthrough: John Craven tells the story of Joseph Lister who, 120 years ago, ploneered

5.40 News: with Jan Learning; 6.00 South East at Sty: 6.22 Nationwide. Including Desmond Lynam with Sportswide at 6.45.

7.00 Cornedy Classic: The Good Life. The Goods (Richard Briers, Felicity Kendal) are far less good at selling their garden produce than they are at growing it. With Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington as the adjoining Leadbeatter's (r).

7.30 Odd One Out: Quiz show, conducted by Paul Daniels.

8.00 The Time of Your Life: The comedy actress Irene Handi recalls the day in 1937 when she first took to the stage - as a maid. Other time travellers in the show, hosted by Noel Edmonds, are Barbara Cartland, Leslie Mitchell, and the Tiny Winters Bend.

8.30 Are You seing served? Department store fun. The finger of suspicion points at Mr Humphries (John Imman) when cash goes missing from

9.00 A Party Political Broadca by the Liberal Party; 9.10 News: with Michael Buerk.

9.35 Cagney and Lacy: A friend of the two policemen, once a victim of a rape, is forced to relive her courtroom ordeal.

10.25 Isles Apart: The Channel Islands. A wildlife film. With Andrew Cooper: 10.55 News.

11.00 Film: Queimada! (1958) Drama, with Marlon Brando as a British agent provocateur
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island to destroy the rebel leader he created 10 years previously. With Evariato Marquez, Renato Salvatori. Directed by Gillo Pontecorvo.

6.00 Daybreak, followed at 6.30 by Good Morning Britain. presented by Lynda Berry and Nick Owen, Items include news at 6.00, 6.15, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.11; Sport at 6.40 and 7.30; Morning papers at 6.33 and 8.33; TV spot at 7.50; guest celebrity (Alec McCowen) at 8.20; money item at 8.40 and cookery spot (with Michael Barry) at 9.05; Closedown at

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9.30 For Schools: Bristol: 9.55 Dragonflies; 10.15 Homes and families; 10.35 Everyday French; 10.58 Social education and growing up; 11.15 Yorkshire sheep farm; 11.32 Boats and boating: 11.44

Topper's Tales; with the late Julian Orchard (r); 12.10 Rainbow; pirates (also at 4.00); 12.30 Writers on Writing: Richard Hoggart interviews playwright Peter Nicholas (Poppy; Privates on Parade, The National Health

News; 1.20 Thames area News; 1.30 About Britain: The Best of Spirits. A film about the followers of "psycho-expansion", who balleve they can project themselves back into history or forwards into

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being tested for lead levels in their blood. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket: We see the 2.35, 3.05 and 3.35. 4.00 Children's ITV; Rainbow (r); 4.20 Dangermouse: episode of the serial; 4.25 Animals in Action: Treasure Islands. Another of Keith Shackleton's

wildlife films, 4.50 Freetime: An amateur theatre group in Middlesborough; the new Balham band called Curlew; and advice for budgerigar OWNERS. Make Me Laugh: Chuckle Talsing contest. With Bernle Winters, Mathew Kelly. • .

5.45 News; 6.00 The 6 o'Clock Show: with Michael Aspel and Janet Street-Porter. 7.00 Family Fortunes: The Mersevside versus the

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10.10 News from ITNL 10.40 The London Programme: Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Commission Police, has given notice that he plans to beat London's burglars. He appears in tonight's programme to discuss his chances of

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6.05 Open University (until 8.10). Maths Method: forecasting: 6.30 Ocean Crust; 6.55 Canal and Harbour Modelling; 7.20

11.00 Play School: (See BBC 1, at 3.55).

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Language Development; 7.45 Evolution of Fishes.

World Professional Chempionship. From the Crucible Theatrs in Sheffield.

Further coverage tonight at

7.28, 10.25 and 12.30 all on

University film (the first in a short series of four) about the 1976 Labour and Conservative

5.10 TV and Politics: Britain. Open

party conferences hald in Blackpool and Brighton

store for Open University

Modestly made thriller with real-life brothers George

movie brothers involved in a

starring Jane Randolph; 6.40 Cartoon: Gallery.

Cockery: Mascor Dal (r); 7.15 News, with sub-titles.

7.20 World Snooker: The frame of

at 10.25 and 12.30).

7.50 Did You See . . .? Bill Forsyth,

the film director, Rosie Thomas, the novelist, and

Alexal Sayle comment on Triangle (BBC 1), Glasgow (BBC 2) and Parity Satirical

Broindcast (Channel 4) and

chair: Ludovic Kennedy.

lick Ross comments on the

tricks of the trade on TV. In the

Gardeners' World: How to get

the best out of dahles; taking

shrubs; planting tomatoes and

cuttings from conifers and

9:00 Entertainment USA: Jonathan

King reports on the entertainment scene in New

Orleans. He interviews Fats

Domino and the American

series, set in England and the United States between 1943 and 1981, about the marriage

and 1961, about the marriage between a black American Gl and an English girl. Starring Frances Tometty, Tim Woodward, and Joe Martin. A

BBC/WNET New York co-

coverage of the Embass

Championship (also at 12.30). 10.50 A Perty Political Broadcast: by the Liberal Party.

11.50 The Old Grey Whistle Test: with Spandau Ballet and

12.30 World Snooker: Final visit of

London Walnwright, Also an interview with Meat Loaf.

the day to Sheffleld, Ends at 1.30 am.

production (see Choice). 10.25 World Snooker: More

11.00 Newsnight.

9.30 The File on Jill Hatch: Part

cucumbers.

the day in the Embassy Professional Championship

emi-finals in Sheffield (more

plot to assassinate a South American diplomat. Also

6.50 Machur Jaffrey's Indian

5.35 Weekend Outlook: What is in

5.40 The Falcon's Brother (1942)

another bastion of male exclusiveness. The Russians put a woman in space many moons ago. This year, the Americans hope to follow suit, the lady destined for a place in the history books being Salty Ride, Given the nature of her trail-blazing exploit, it is a name that could hardly be improved on. One of the women astronauts-in-waiting who provide the subject matter in tonight's equal opportunities film. has an equally apt name, Sharron Lucid, in her rapidity-delivered statement of confidence in her

documents the crumbling of yet

ability to keep her and up in a man's extra-terrestrial world, she says that taking a ride in the space shuttle will be no worse than driving down the Houston freeway, One of the less

CHANNEL 4

young actors who tonight

about a trapped rabbit.

Whiteley and Kenneth

6.00 Switch: Pop music show, with Tears for Fears, Heaven 17,

Herts. 7.00 Channel Four News.

8.00 What a Picture! John

7.30 The Friday Alternative: Tonight's edition includes

items on murder and the

media (why the Press and television cover some stories

television cover some stores and ignore others); on the cruelty to horses in the Grand National; and an examination of the link between the car industry disputes at Cowley and Hellwood.

Hedgecoe's photography course, for beginners and for

the more advanced. Tonight,

he uses light to "paint"

arrangements in a studio.

improvise on the thime of dealing with animals after Miss Scher has recited a sad poem

Countdown: Words and numbers game. With Richard

and the Appollinaires.
Including video review and
Marc Issue's regular location
report. Live from Bushey in

n with Anna Scher and her north London school of

5.15 Acting with Anne: Another

SPACE WOMEN (ITV, 7.30 pm) technical aspects of Space Women is what happens when husband and wife, both astronauts, are rocketed into space together. The film assures us that this is bound to happen, eventually. Marriages can survive in stressful environments on Earth, one astronaut-husband says, confident that "It will all work out" in space, too. But if it does not, there seems little opportunity several miles up for either spouse to storm out, threatening to go back to mother. Not omitted from the film is the question that crosses many a lay mind when astronauts are discussed; it is even more intriguing when the company is mixed. What about bodily functions, and the need for privacy? Space Women poses

the question, and enswers it, too. ● Technically, the first instalment of THE FILE ON JILL, HATCH (BBC 2, 9.30 pm) is in the cinema movie class: Dramatically, it is not always as hanal as the sequence in which white West Country wife and black Alahama husband stroll across Clifton suspension bridge and, in a brave show of integration, dovetail their singing of Rule Britannia, and America, America.

Radio highlight: Graham Green's ingenious two-hander YES AND NO

(Radio 3, 7.05 pm) has Clive Francis as the overbearing stage director and Alex Jennings as the hapless actor who says nothing except the two words in the title. It is how he say them that matters. This is 25 rutes of radio time most entertainingly filled.

8.16 Profile. A person portrait.
8.30 Any Questions? From Abergele in north Wales. The panel tonight consists of the suthor Russell Braddon, Lady Platt (who, on May 1, takes up her new post as chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission), author and playaright Aun Bichartie, and

playwright Alun Richards, and Daifyd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarvon. 9.15 Latter from America by Alistair

2.02 Woman's Hour. From Bangor, north Wales, figms include the story of the Ladies of Liangollen (they eloped with each other), and episode four of The London Embassy.

3.02 The Moonstone by Wilkle Collins, dramatised for radio in six parts by Brian Goar (1) f

4.00 News.

4.02 Just After Four.
4.10 Your Move or Mine?
4.40 The Way the Normans Rode (5):
Picton to Penroke.

natures of the gardens of a chateau in Normandy and a wedding in an English country church. Plus still-life 8.30 Jazz on Four: Lional Hampton and his band entertain at last year's Capital Jazz Festival at Knebworth Park.

9.30 Capatick Capera: Another of Northern entertainer Tony Capatick's comedy and music shows. The guest star is Dave Berry. With Earl Okin and tap dancer Will Gaines. 10.00 Cheers: Comedy series set in an American saloon bar. There is a row after Diane (Shelley Long) falls to be impressed by

a customer's stories of his

exploits as a spy in the Second World War. 10.30 Kill or Cure? First in a new series of medical ntaries which concentrate on the side ffects caused by prescribed drugs. Tonight's film is about Smon, the crippling, blinding disease of the nervous sy optic neuropathy) which is caused by drugs that include Entero-Violorm, once recommended for stomach troubles while holidaying abroad. Joan Shenton is the

11.15 Film: The Big Clock (1947"). Thriller, atmospherically directed by John Farrow, with Charles Laughton as a publishing tycoon who, after murdering his mistress, instructs his own organization to track down the one key witness who could reveal his guilt. With Ray Milland as a magazine editor, Maureen O'Sullivan and George Macready. Ends at 12.55.

presenter. She is medical

correspondent for Thames

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Shapping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day, 6.55, 7.55 Weather.
7.00, 6.00 oday's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines. 7.45 Thought for the Day, 6.35 Yesterday in Parisament. 8.50 Your Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News.

3.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Max Boycs.
10.02 International Assignment.
10.30 Morning Story "Imagination" by
Jill Norris.
10.45 Daily Service t.
11.00 News; Travel.
11.13 On the Road.
12.00 News.

12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.27 My Music 1. 12.55 Weather;
Travet, Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
Forscast.
2.00 News.

Forecast. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. From Bengor.

5.00 News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Skr O'clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Going Places. The world of travel and transport. 7.60 News. 7.05 The Archers.

BBC 1 Wales 12.57pm-1.00 News. 3.53-3.55 News. 6.0-6.25 Wales Today. 9.0-9.10 Party Political Broadcast. 16.25-16.55 Celena. 10.55-11.0 News. Scotland 12.55-1.0pm News. 6.0-6.22 Reporting Scotland. 9.0-9.10 Party Political Broadcast. 10.25-10.55 Beactgrove Garden. 16.55-11.0 News. Northern Ireland 12.57pm-1.00 News. 3.53-3.55 News. 6.0-6.25 Scene Around Str. 10.25-10.55 Scotlingth. 10.55-11.0 News.

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7.20 Pick of the Week. Programme highlights.†
8.18 Profile, A person portrait.

9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.35 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news.†
11.00 A book at Bedtime "The Road to Oxiena" by Robert Byton (last of the news). Oxiena" by Robert Byron (last ten perts). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament.

Lady Platt: Any Questions? (Radio 4, 8.30 pm)

11.45 John Ebdon in the SBC Sound Archives. 12.99 News; Weather. 12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Forecast. ENGLAND: VHF with above except 8.25-8.30 Weather; Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 17 DR 505 Schools: 11 00 Music

11,00 For Schools: 11,00 Music Workshop, 11,30 Lister with Mother (new series), 11,40-12,00 For Schools: Country 12.00 For Schools: Country Dancing Stage B. 1.55 Listening Corner, 2.00-3.09 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued), 11.80-12.00 Study on 4: 11.80 Euromagazine 11.30 Broadside

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert, Smetzna, Krommer, Janacek; records.18.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (continued) Sibelius, Bach, Lassus, Palestrina, Mozart; records.

Palestrina, Mozart; records.

2.00 News.
2.05 This Week's Composers Falls and his Contamporaries: Tarrega, Hallfiter, Falls; records.†

10.00 La Raphaele, Chamber music by Buschude, Bech, Telemann.†

10.35 The young Schubert, records.†

11.26 Songs by Britten, Purcell and Tippett.†

12.10 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, Part 1: Mathias, Besthoven, We hear Mathias's Divertimento, Op 7, and Seethoven's Symphony No 8.1

Beethoven's Symphony No 8.1
1.00 News.
1.05 Six Continents.
1.20 BBC Welsh S.O., Part 2: Delius,
Elgar. We hear Delius's Walk to
the Paradise Garden and the
Elgar Cello Concerno (played by
Moray Welsh).†
2.06 Four Spanish Musicians,
victoria de los Angeles.†
3.00 The British Symphony, Hamilton
Harly-The Irish Symphony;
Record.†
4.00 Choral Evensong from Paisley
Abbey.†

Abbey.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.30 Music for Guitar, Recital by Segovia: Sor, Bach, Falia, Ponce, Turina; records.†
7.05 Vas and No. 4 theatrical 7.05 Yes and No. A theatrical fragment by Graham Greene.
7.30 Voices and Horns, direct from the Broadcasting Centre, Birmingham, Part 1: Britten, Tippett.
8.10 West May and Engle Robbs.

Tippett.*

8.10 Wise Men and Fools. Robin Hodgidin on the teacher-pupil relationship.

8.30 Voice and Horns, Part 2: Voice and Horns, Part 2: Voice mann Schulbert † 8.30 Voices and Horns, Part ∠ Schumann, Schubert † 9.20 Russian Piano Music, Stravinsky, Prokofiev.† 10.90 Signs of Glory, Reflections on modern Spanish poetry by Alastair Klimarnock, with readings in Castilian, Catalan and English. 10.30 Burkhard and Martin, Concert

11,15 News. VISF only - Open University: 6.15 to 8.55. And 11.20 pm to 12.20 am.

Radio 2

5.60 Ray Mooret 7.30 Terry Wogant
10.60 Aian Whickert 12.00 Music While
You Workt 12.30 Gloria Hunniford
Including 2.02 Sports Deskt 2.30 A
Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal
Party. 2.35 Ed Stewart including 3.92
Sports Deskt 4.00 David Hamilton
Including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Deskt 6.00
John Dunn including 6.45 Sport and
Classified Resultst 7.30 Friday Night is
Music Night direct from the Fairfield
Hell, Croydon 8.20-8.40 Intervalt 9.30
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The Random Jottings of Hinge and The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket, 10.30 Russell Davis prese Gracket. 10.50 Russell Davis presents Round Midnight. (Stereo from midnight 1.00 Night Owest 2.00-5.90 Liz Allen presents You and the Night and the Music.

Radio 1

6.00 Adrian John with The Early Show. 7.00 Mike Reid. 9.00 Simon Bates. 7.00 Mike Reid. 9.00 Simon Baties.
11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30
Newsbast. 2.00 Sixve Whight. 4.30
Pater Powell's Select-A-Disc. 5.30
Newsbast. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy
Paebles. 10.00 The Friday Rock Show
with Tommy Vancet 12.00 Close. VHF
RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 With Radio 2.
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12.00-5.00em With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE 8.00 The Art of Daniel Barenboim 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four-Hours News Surmany, 7.30 Sing, Sing, Sing, 8.00 World News, 8.00 Refisctions, 8.15 Short Story, 8.30 Thirty Minuto Theasts, 9.00 World News, 8.09 Partiew of the British Press, 8.15 The World Today, 8.30 Financial News, 8.40 Look Alexd. 8.45 Album Time, 19.15 Merchent News, Programme, 19.00 World News, 11.08 News About Sirtain, 11.15 in the Meentime, 71.25 Lister Newsister, 11.30 Nexicles, 12.06 Radio Newsystel, 12.15 Jazz for the Asking, 12.45 Scores Roundon, 1.00 World News, 1.00 Hister Newstatter. 11.20 Maridam. 12.00 Radio Newsreal. 12.15 Jazz for the Asting. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.99 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summery. 1.30 With Greet Pleasure. 2.15 Lettertox. 2.20 The Art of Daniel Barentoeira. 3.00 Radio Newsreal. 2.15 Custook. 4.00 World News. 3.00 Radio Newsreal. 2.15 Custook. 4.00 World News. 3.00 World News. 8.55 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summery. 4.30 Thirty Minute Theatra. 9.00 Network UK. 2.16 Music News. 8.45 Portreits of our Time. 18.00 The World News. 10.00 The World News. 19.00 The World News. 10.00 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 World News. 12.00 News About Britan. 12.15 Radio Newsratel. 2.250 About Britan. 12.15 Radio Newsratel. 2.250 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.00 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.00 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.00 People and Review of the British Press. 2.15 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 3.00 People and News. 3.50 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 3.45 The World Today. 3.30 Piessures. 3.50 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 3.50 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 3.50 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 3.50 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 5.00 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 5.00 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 5.00 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 5.30 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.30 Piessures. 5.30 Review of the British Press. 5.15 About Britain. 5.45 The World Today. 5.

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ULSTER

Lunchtime 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster 6.30-7.00 Two of Us 10.40 Witness 10.45 Film: Kiss, Kiss, Kill, Kill Ruthlass casanova falls for one of his victims 12.05em Naum Chandelle

BORDER

As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.90 Lockaround. 6.30-7.00 Bygones. 10.40 Your MP. 11.10 Film: In the Steps of a Dead Man. Army deserter takes in the parents of a dead soldier. 12.30am News. 12.33 Closedown.

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2.05am News, Closedown

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Angia 10.40 9 to 5 11.10 Members only 11.40 Film: Helio to Yesterday (Jean Stramons) Suburban housewifs is seduced by London-1.20am You Know the Old Saying, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.00-7.00 Calender and Sport 10.40 Pro-Calebrity Snooker 11.25 Film: Death in Deep Water, Gangster on the run plumps for the seaside 12.45em

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As London except 12.00pm-1.30 News.

As HTV West except: 5.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.40 Where the Tide Turned, 11.40 Journey to the Unknown 12.40em Closedown.

GRANADA

1.20pm-1.30 Paint Along with Nancy. 6.00 Make Me Laugh. 5.30-7.90 Granada Reports. 10.40 The Granada 100: Local elections. 11.25 Film: The Horseman. 1.25 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.00 Three Little Words. 6,00-7.00 News. 10.40 Film: Pretty Maids Ali in a Row (Rock Hudson, Angle Dickinson) High school students fearn about murder. 12.30am Closedown.

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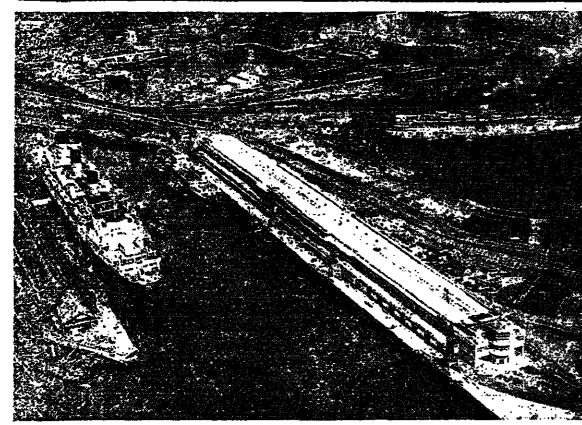
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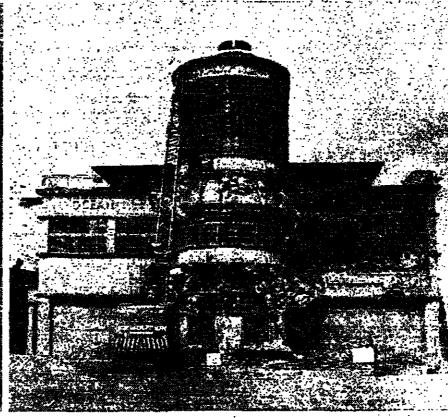
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Millions of passengers from the great Cunarders passed through the noted landmark of glass and concrete reception station, which was built at a cost of £750,000 and opened by Mr Clement Atlee in June, 1950. The Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth regularly berthed alongside

But yesterday time caught up with the 1,297ft-long building and a demolition contractor moved in, amid protests by some local people.

he decision to pull down the building was taken because of the deline in liner traffic. But the Southampton tourist group, made up of a consortium of local hotels and tourist businesses. had criticized the demo-

There is nothing we can do to stop this destruction of our maritime heritage, but we believe the haste with which it has been done is immoral and unforgivable."

Jenkin offers £200m aid for computer industry

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

electronics industry develop a new generation of more advanced computers. The companies will have to contribute £150m if the scheme is to reach the target of £350m recommended by the Alvey Committee last September.

The project for advanced information technology, which Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, announced yesterday, was inspired originally by the well-publicized Japanese effort to develop a "fifth generation" of computers for the 1990s, with "intelligence approaching that of a human being". The Government decided that, without an unprecedented cooperative effort with industry. Britain would fall hopelessly behind Japan and the United States.

The Government's response to Alvey falls short of the committee's proposal that it contribute £250m and industry £150m. The committee recommended that some projects in industry should receive 90 per cent public funding but Mr Jenkin said that would not secure a sufficient industrial commitment and could lead to the programme becoming div-

orced from industry's needs". Therefore all industrial projects will receive 50 per cent public funding. However, the

The Government is to spend £50m-worth of work carried out depends upon industry making up to £200m over the next five in academic institutions will be its contribution and upon years to help the British financed entirely by the the programme's technical

Mr Jenkin made clear:"The extent of the Government's Government's contribution will

MPs and Whitehall 'technically ignorant' An international conference on the social effects of modern technology ended in London

vesterday with an appeal for more technical understanding from the world's policy Ignorance of science and engineering among politicians and civil servants made it more difficult to cope with the

swift progress of technology, according to the closing statement from the Mantech symposium, organized by the Fellowship of Engineering. British participants added that Whitehall and Westminster were particularly weak in scientific and technical

Sir Francis Tombs, former chairman of the Elec-tricity Council, said that the retirement of Sir James Hamilton from the Department of Education and Science left the Civil Service without a scientist or engineer among 42 permanent secretaries.

The 50 per cent ceiling on the contribution to the programme disappoint smaller electronics companies, which have lobbied for more generous treatment, arguing that they could not herwise afford to take part. British subsidiaries of the giant American-owned computer companies will also be disappointed. They are not excluded in principle from the programme, but many will balk at the Government's

conditions. "We shall require cast iron assurances that the work does not leak overseas", Mr Jenkin

The four priority areas of the Alvey scheme arc: Software engineering, to give designers of information systems a more efficient way to

generate computer programs, The "man-machine intere", in other words finding better ways for people to communicate with computers by touch, sight and voice,

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Syrian pressure 'delaying talks'

Continued from page 1 agreement between Israel and

The arrival of the American Secretary of State has been marked by an increase in between Israeli and Syrian troops in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley and a vicions anti-American campaign by the Syrian state-con-trolled press.

"It is not true that Shultz is a messenger of peace. It is was so he could have dealt with the crisis while he was in Washington," the government newspaper Tishrin said.

The Syrian press also played up the significance of two minor confrontations with the Israelis in the Bekaa Valley, saying Israel was deliberately provoking the tension to coincide with the visit by Mr Shultz.

"This is not strange to us. The American State Department has shown us through previous visits to the region by its representatives that every time they make an approach to the area, they carry with them a conspiracy for which the Arabs invariably pay the price in the form of more death and destruction" said Al Baath organ of the ruling Socialist Baath Party in Damasons.

American officials briefing reporters on the plane carrying Mr Shultz to Beirot, blamed what they said was Syrian pressure on Lebanon, backed by the Soviet Union, for the

iemanding a high price from Lebanon in return for the withdrawal of its forces, including a Syrian-Lebanese defence pact and training of the Lebanese Army in Syria.

One official was quoted as saying the current obstacles arose when "Syria suddenly and dramatically began in-creasing pressure on Lebanou". The efficial was also quoted

as saying the Soviet Union was encouraging the Syrians to "teake moves that would limit American influence in ● TEL AVIV: The hectic

pace of Mr Shultz's shuttle will continue unabated today when he is scheduled to hold his third meeting in less than 48 hours with Mr Begin, Christopher Walker writes. So far it has been unclear to what extent the American

government is prepared to put direct pressure on Israel to soften some of its most regarding security and normalization, but a hint was given by Mr Shuitz during an official banquet here on Wednesday In a stern exhortation to his

Israeli hosts, Mr Shuhz said that the outstanding issues had been "debated, analysed, pored over, agonized over. Now is the time to resolve them . . . there is a time to debate and a time to decide. Now is the time to

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Salvador and Surrey by Foot's Tours

Both Central America and Surrey County Council's rate increases were among the subjects which Mr Michael Foot, ever the man for the broad sweep, raised yesterday when a renewed trough of pre-election atmosphere enveloped the House.

Mr Foot is usually more at home with the easy gener-alities of foreign affairs that with the endless detail of the ssues which more directly affect Labour voters.

Speaking yesterday on the morrow of Mr Reagan's important speech on Central America, Mr Foot manifestly vanted us to believe once more the routine left-wing tale, told over the years in connexion with many a troubled corner of the globe, about a reactionary right-wing regime which was backed by the Church and local industrialists and which was extorting from the peasants and denying them land reform.
But then, Mr Foot has never

really understood Surrey. The situation in that region was raised during exchanges between him and the Prime Minister concerning the rating

He demanded to know at Prime Minister's question time by how much rates had ased under Mrs Thatch-Government. "Too er's Government. "Too much", Mrs Thatcher replied, "especially in Labour-con-trolled authorities". At that reply, Labour backbenchers expressed outrage. Mr Foot rose again, and peered down into a sheet of paper which he placed on the Dispatch Box.
"Rates have increased in

eeneral over the country by 75 per cent. How much could they have been reduced if she had not cut the rate support grant", he said, as if to prove that he too has a command of the narrow sweed.

"Rates are highest in Labour-controlled areas", the Prime Minister insisted. Now she, too, reached ominously for a piece of paper. She began to read in a determined monotone. "The 18 largest spenders are the Greater London Council, the Inner London Education Authority. the West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Avon, Southwark, Sheffield, Greenwich,

Tyne and Wear . . . It began to look as if we were in for something of the length of English Journey by J. B. Priestley. But a timely cacophony on the Labour overwhelmed

drone of the Prime Minister's itinerary. All we could eventually hear was her voice rising at the end to a cry of "Labour loves spending other people's

money".
It was then that Mr Foot made his major geo-political move. How much have rates increased in Surrey, controlled by the Conservatives," he asked triumphantly Mrs Thatcher hesitated Labour

backbenchers shouted "They are much too high in Surrey," she eventually replied Unusually, Mr Foot had halted a Thatcher offensive. and on, of all subjects, the rates in Surrey. It is likely that Mr Foot would only recognize a set of figures from the Surrey county treasury's department if they came at him disguised as a Nicaraguan revolutionary proclamation. That made his triumph over Mrs Thatcher vesterday all the more remark-

about how on average rates had decreased by 6.5 per cent and that things would have been better but for the GLC and ILEA. But Mr Foot remained on the Opposition front beach, serene in victory,

Having beaten the Prime Minister in Surrey, he could now open a second front in Central America. When Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the House, arrived at the dispatch box to make the routine Thursday announcement of the business for the coming week. Mr Foot waylaid him with a demand for a statement next week "as to whether the Government was consulted before President Reagan made his speech, whether the Government has done any. thing to uphold its commitments or allegiance to the charter of the United Nations . . .

Soon we were confronted with a more typical Mr Foot, off again on a nature ramble.
All manner of disconnected thoughts began to swirl around beneath that suchloved, white mane

"Has the Government made representations about Nicaragua, El Salvador countries involved."

But we had no doubt that if necessary he could stall all afternoon, trying our various ideas in his mind, until reasonably plausible ones turned up, Costa Rica? Costa Living? Be it Salvador or Surrey, it is all grist to Mr Foot in humanity's struggle.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements of Vent Arries 10 at Rochester, Uttoxeter, as President of the Institute of the Motor

Princess Alexandra opens the new control room at West Sussex County Fire Brigade Headquarters. Chichester, 12: opens the Mothers' Unit, funded by Concern for Life, at Hospital, Chichester, 1.45: opens the new swimming centre of Arun District Council at Littlehampton.

2.45: attends two receptions in Color Of This World arts of For those spendi

New exhibitions

leader? Well put (7).

7 Rook-keeper who records loans

8 Old characters nurse maitreated

Old German title - glad Vera

14 Stationery requirement of Bank of England (9).

17 Beat up the joiners of course

20 "And thinner, --, farther going!"

22 Angry Hook losing his head (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,115

24 Foreigner can spell aright (5).

West translated it (9).

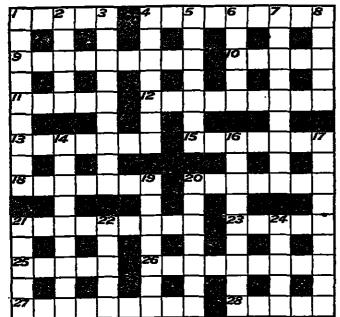
19 Dealings in jam? (7).

(Tennyson) (7).

(4-5).

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

St Richard's District General | Street, Canterbury: Mon to Sat 10 to



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,116

ACROSS

- 1 Fish with worm's tail for a spell
- 4 Perhaps some fire in an inferior novel? (3-6). 9 Like this rogue reformed (9).
- saint (5). 11 Peasant leader in merely temporary retirement (5).
- 12 Gelatine is where you'd expect to find beer (9). 13 Getting money for relatives in
- Irish port? (7). 15 Opening speaker looking bored?
- 18 Was beaten by inferior force, perhaps (7). 20 Soldier sounds nutty (7).
- 21 Apt clue I'd maybe copy (9). 23 Note form of transport sought by knights of old (5). 25 Constable, the painter, has

source of oil (5).

a leader (5).

26 Structure of aeroplanes in flight perhaps (9). Desire transport? (9). 28 Irish town's sporting set without

- 1 Play the part of a custodian (9). 2 The price once of some spirit?
- 3 Walker's not in this procession
- 4 View of features for the papers Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

Worthing to celebrate the Golden Voluntary Service, arrives Methold House, Gordon Road, 3.45 and then arrives Ashmount, Shelley Road,

Paintings by Venessa Bell, Royal Museum and Art Gallery, High

Out Of This World, arts of science fiction, Art Gallery and

Museum. School Hill, Aberdeen: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow).

Experimental Photography. Museum and Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth: Mon to Sat 10 to 1 and

2 to 5, closed Sun (ends tomorrow). Paintings and drawings by Mostyn Bramley Moore, Mac-Robert Arts Centre Gallery, Stirling University, Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sur 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow). Work by Jane Boyd, Queen's Gate, Trinity College, Cambridge Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends tomorrow).

Steam Power: drawings and paintings by Josephine Gausson Whitehead, City Museum, Market Street, Lancaster, Mon to Fri 10 to 5 See 10:22/cold-temporary 5. Sat 10 to 3 (ends tomorrow). A Dig Into the Past: exhibition on digs by the Development Corpor-

ation Archaeologists, Central Library, Milton Keynes: Mon to Wed 9 to 6, Thurs to Fri 9 to 8, St 9 to 5 (ends tomorrow). Work by David Hack, Nich Sheath and Mike Owens, abbey Mill Gallery. The Broadway, Winchest-er, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5,

closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

Work by John Chapman and
Christine McKelvey, Museum and
Art Gallery, Library Street, Blackburn, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun (ends tomorrow). Music

Concert by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30. Concert by Mladi Ensemble. Mere Parish Church, Wilts, 7.30. Concert by University of Glasgow Orchestra, Concert Hall, Glasgow

Talks, lectures

Plants and People in the Yorkshire Dales, by Dr John Rodwell, Duke's Playhouse, Lancaster University, 12.35.

Colt Car Amberley Horse Show and Country Fair, Cirencester Park. Glos (until May 2).

Anniversaries

Births: John Labbock, 1st Baron Avebury, banker, politician and archaeologist, London, 1834; Sir Thomas Beecham, St Helen's Lancashire, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellinsten, Washington, 1890, James Ellington, Washington, 1899. James Montgomery, poet and hymn writer died at Sheffield, 1854.

Today is the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. She became a Dominican tertiary and travelled widely, calling for repentance and a renewal of faith. During the last few years of her life Catherine became involved in the conflict between Church and state. She was anonized in 1461 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. Her house can still be seen in Siena.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Copyright (Amendment) Bill. report. Coroners' Juries Bill,

For those spending the holiday consideration should be how to relieve the burden on the family cook part of the answer could lie it cold lunches, particularly as salad vegetables are becoming cheaper and more plentiful. At the top end of the market Harrods have fresh wild salmon at £7.80 a pound and the farmed variety at £5, but a very acceptable substitute is Bejam frozen Pacific salmon for as little as £1.59. Baked in tinfoil, it is ideally served with cucumber (25-45p each and either watercress at 22-25p : bunch, or lettuce . Cos and Webb are probably best value at 200 to 40p each. Superb hothouse tomatoes are 60-65p a pound and will stay fresh over the holiday; also

recommended are Cyprus spring crop potatoes at 18-22p a pound. Strawberries from Spain, Italy and Israel are 40-70p for a half pound punnet; passion fruit 12-15p each and lovely lemons at 5-15p. Home-produced lamb is still expensive, although not unreasonable for the time of year. Whole legs af male are heart at 15 p.

of pork are between 76p and £1.10 a pound; Tesco have it at 88p, and Waitrose are selling hand of pork at 48p a pound and rolled boneless spare rib at £1.08. Fine Fare pork chops are down from £1.22 to 96p a pound, and fresh chickens are also

National day

The Japanese today celebrate the birtday of Emperor Hirohito, who was born on April 29, 1901. The emperor, who has written nine books on marine biology, succeeded to the throne in 1926. The government is currently headed by Mr Yasuhire Nakasone, who took office last November

Top films

Top box-office files in London: 1 (1) Sophie's Choice 2 (2) Gandhi The Wicked Lady 10 to Midnight Local Hero Heat and Dust An Officer and a Gentleman Tales of Ordinary Madness

The top five in the prov 1 Gandhi 2 Local Hero 3 Raiders of the Lost Ark 4 ET 5 An Officer and a Gentleman Supplied by Screen International

Top video rentals

1 Annie (RCA/Columbia) 2 The Evil Deed (Palace) 2 The Evil Description
3 Arthur (Warner)
4 Amityville 11 - The Possession
(Thorn EMI)
5 Kreiner vs Kreiner (RCA/Columbia)
6 Fort Apachte - The Brows (VTC)
7 Conan The Barberian (Thorn EMI)
8 Amilene (CIC) 8 Airplane (CIC)
9 Death Wish II (RCA/Columbia)
10 Stripes (RCA/Columbia) Supplied by Video Business

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Roads

London and South-east: A13: and Limehouse. All: Congestion likely between Stratford and Bow. M3: Lane closures between junctions 2 (Strines) and 4 (Frimley). Wales and West: A48: Road-works on Haverfordwest to Fishguard road at Wolf's Castle. A467: Roadworks N of Crumlin, between Risca and Abertillery, Gwent M5: Lane closures between junctions 24 (Minehead) and 26 (Weilington).
Midlands and East Anglia: A47:
Temporary signals at Wisbech,

Temporary signals at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, M1: Lane closures at junction 16 (Northampton); sliproads closed except exit from southbound carriageway. A5: Road-works on Shrewsbury to Oswestry works on Strewsoury to Cowestry road at Queens Head. North: M6: Lane closures between junctions 25 (A49, Wigan) and 27 (A5209, Wigan/Standish)

Greater Manchester.
A50: Manual traffic control at Lawton crossroads, NW of Kid-sgrove, Cheshire A1: Roadworks at oroughbridge, N Yorks. Scotland: A90: Lane closures on Forth Road Bridge. A91: Single lane traffic near Auchtermuchty, Fife.

A9: Single lane traffic at Bonar Bridge, Sutherland. Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Mirror criticizes Mrs Shirley Goodwin and her solicitor for announcing that she will not speak publicly without receiving a five-figure sum. "The Daily Mirror won't offer a penny for (her) story. and we hope no other paper will either. ... Offering to buy stories of potential witnesses has been a blot on Fleet Street - but what about

those who try to sell them?"

Mrs Thatcher this week repeated
the Tory pledge to reform the rating
system, and not before time, says
the Daily Express. "This time she must not let civil servants bam-boozle her ministers into thinking nothing can be done - much can be

The pound

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1		Bays	Sells:
١	Australia S	1.88	1.79
ı	Austria Sch	28.40	26.60
ı	Belgium Fr	79.50	<i>75.5</i> 0
1	Canada \$	1.98	1.90
ı	Denmark Kr	14.22	13.50
1	Finland Mkk	8.96	8,40
1	France Fr	12.00	11.40
	Germany DM	3.99	
١.	Greece Dr	136.00	
ı	Hongkong S	11.13	
1	Ireland Pt	1.27	
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	Italy Lira	2355.00	
	Japan Yen	391.08	
	Netherlands Gld	4.49	
ı	Norway Kr	11.60	11.00
1	Portugal Esc '	176.60	152.00
1	South Africa Re	2.04	1.900
	Spain Pta	216.00	
	Sweden Kr	12.22	11.60
i	Switzerland Fr	3.36	
	USA \$	1.62	
1	Yogoslavia Dar	126.50	119.50
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Retail Price Index: 327.9. London: The FT Index closed down 2.2 at 696.8.

Weather

A depression will remain slowslack area of low pressure will persist over the British Isles.

6 am to midnight

periods, scattered showers developing, some heavy, perhaps with thunder; wind variable, light or moderate; max temp 15 or 16C (50 to 61F).

Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, SWales: Surny intervals, showers, heavy and with thunder in places; wind variable, mainly SE, light or moderate, occasionally fresh; max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F). 13 to 15C (55 to 59F). E. Central N. NE

13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

E, Central N, NE England, Borders; Cloudy, outbreaks of rain slowly dying out, clear intervals developing late; wind W, fresh, backing S, moderate; max temp or 10C (48 to 50F).

N Wates, NW England, Lake District Cloudy, outbreaks of rain slowly dying out, sunny or clear intervals developing, wind variable, becoming mainly N, moderate: max temp 9 or 10C (48 to 50F).

50F). Isle of Man, Argyti, NW Scotts Northern Ireland: Surmy intervals, scattered showers; wind Nor NW moderate, locally frash; max temp 10 or 11C (50 to 52F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shettend: Rather cloudy, perhaps a little drizzle at first, bright or sumy intervals developing; what N or NW, moderate, locally freeh; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to See the property of the proper

SEA PASSAGES: S North See, English Channel (E), Strait of Dover: Wind SW, Eight or moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind variable, Eight or moderate; sea slight.

Sun sets: 8.20 pm

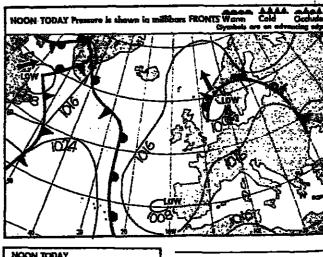
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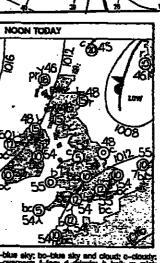
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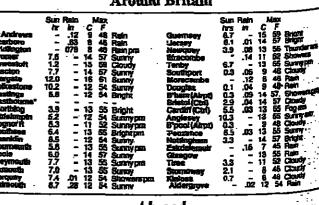
Highest and lowest





High tides

Around Britain



Abroad

